

Allderdice PTO Meeting, April 11, 2019, 6 p.m.

1. President Amy Constantine opened the meeting. March Minutes approved.
2. Amanda Godley gave the Treasurer's report: there is \$9,646.26 in the PTO account. There is \$30,370.26 in the Dragon Spirit account
3. Robert Aber gave the Grant report:
 - a. Grant request: Powder Puff football. PTO to pay for half the event amount.
 - b. Grant request: Student storage lockers in the backstage area of the high school. The area has many problems. The bathrooms don't work, the heat is 80 degrees in the winter, it's an uncomfortable space. The grant request is for student storage lockers, 12 inches by 12 inches and 18 inches deep. Students currently use the floor. Request for one for girls' room and one for boys. Grant approved.
4. Dr. McCoy, Principal's report:
 - a. The musical just wrapped this past weekend. It was a great job!
 - b. Spring sports in full force, baseball, tennis, lacrosse, now a varsity sport from club, baseball. The Hall of Fame event was great, trying to get more people out for this.
 - c. One student is going to the International Science Fair, another student is trying out for the US Chemistry team. We had data jam team for two years, they won the overall competition.
 - d. School had the Parkland Event last Friday, students driven, very powerful.
 - e. The travel club is off to the Galapagos Islands. The college trip students are on their trip. The robotics team has gone farther than they ever gone, among over 100 in the statewide region. The Euro challenge team -- won regionals and now going to nationals. Coming up May will be crazy. Last year 918 AP tests taken. This year is less, but lost our NIMSY funding, but a lot of kids taking the AP exams. The district is providing some funding for reduced lunch, but we didn't know in advance. Keystone coming up in late May.
 - f. Allderdice graduation is Thursday, June 6th, at 8 p.m. at the Peterson Event Center. It is the last graduation and takes longer than one hour.
5. FACE report, Raechel Palmer: Students had the opportunity to sign up for work permits at school and an issuing officer from the Board of Education coming to help: 54 work permits issued. That means half of all kids who can work now have a work permit. A major improvement having students complete the process at Allderdice rather than at PPS offices on Bellefield. We are trying to get them to come twice a year.

a. Question: Robert Aber -- Who requires the work permit? Rachael -- anyone 14 years or older and can get them at the Board of Education.

b. Question: Amanda Godley-- can sports physicals be conducted more often and announced in advance? At Brashear, they limited it to only fifty kids to get free physicals.

c. Can retired health professionals help with the students' health physicals?

6. Student Report – no student representatives attended.

7. PTO business and announcements:

a. Thanks to volunteers for selling Spirit Wear.

b. Volunteers needed for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Hope has a lot of businesses lined up. Squirrel Hill Giant Eagle is giving a smaller amount than last year. There are 15 different businesses for pick up that morning. This will be in the newsletter. Thanks Hope.

c. Walk for the Pittsburgh Promise Fundraiser will begin and end at Allderdice, Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 8 a.m.

d. Officer nominations now being accepted. Voting May 9th.

e. On Sunday, April 28, from 4 to 6 pm at the JCC in Squirrel Hill, there will be a Community Conversation on Teen Mental Health with Dr. Jean Twenge, who will present her research findings.

f. Allderdice Community Day Celebration of Fathers, May 17th, noon – 2:45 p.m. Same day as PPS take a father to school day. All coming together very well, student musicians participating, cheerleaders, others. Every student in a club or sport wears a tee shirt or hat for what they're engaged in.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m. by Amy C.

Next PTO meeting, Thursday, May 9th.

Sabina Deitrick, secretary