

PTO Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2017

The meeting was conducted by Jennifer Velis, PTO Co-President. Attendees' introductions and approval of previous meeting minutes were the top of the agenda.

In attendance were the following:

Heather Tashjian
Kim McCormick
Jane Kennedy
Alison Arshad
Chitra Sundar
Carol Colwell
Carrie Wu
Tricia Weisberg
Anna Monaco
Jennifer Velis
Patricia Holguin

Principal's Report

A new long term sub, Chloe Wheaton started a few weeks ago and is in the process of getting to know the school and students. She has a master's degree in counseling and has worked in the Fisk and Diamond schools.

Due to the fire department regulations and maximum capacity of the high school auditorium, middle school graduating students will only be allowed to bring two people to the graduation ceremony. There will be large screens set-up outside the auditorium, so those not able to get in the auditorium are able to watch the ceremony. Clarke's graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 21st at 7 pm, Diamond's is scheduled for June 20th.

"Respect to All" week will take place June 6th- 9th. There will be several activities throughout the school such as acts of kindness and buddy cards. Many activities have been initiated by the students.

Construction of the school's new wing is on schedule and anticipated completion date is mid July, with some punch list items remaining. Mostly 7th grade will be moving into the new wing. The staff room will get new furniture. The old building will be closed during the summer for renovations. Registration of new students will be handled by the central registration office.

Important dates:

6/7: 8th grade step-up visit to the high school
6/8: 8th grade social
6/15: PTO year end meeting and volunteer appreciation (evening)

Treasurer's Report

Total fundraising for the year is low because the PTO did not have its annual CNO. Still expecting fees from the talent show, and final numbers from spirit wear sales have not been reported.

On the expense side, management expenses are anticipated to come lower than anticipated. S, G&A expenses are high due a loan to students to purchase water bottles, some mini-grants still have to be reimbursed. Consolidation of some accounts is under consideration. Income statement results are anticipated within the budgeted at a loss of approximately (\$6,000).

Site Council

There are currently two slots available and four candidates. The site council is a group comprised of school parents, community advisors, counselors and teachers. This group meets monthly to discuss current issues going on in the school, improvement plans and act as liaison between parents and school administration. Candidates need to provide a bio (250 words) explaining why they want to be part of the site council advisory committee. A link for people to vote for the candidate of their choice will be going out to all incoming 6th and to 7th grade families.

Fundraiser – Tickets to the Graduation Ceremony

There will be four sets of tickets of four premium seats to be auctioned via 32 Auctions, which will be offered to all 8th grade families. Proceeds from this auction will be invested back into school related programs, such as mini-grants and/or scholarships.

The meeting was dismissed by Jennifer Velis at 9:45 am.

Next meeting is on June 15th at 7pm at Aloft.