

PTO Board Meeting & Principal's Coffee

9/16/16

Call to Order-- 9:35am

Welcome from Janna Wolf and introduction of Mr. Coch

Principal's Report-Mr. John Coch

- Mr. Coch started by introducing himself and the two assistant principals, Molly Boey and Faye Coffey. This is 6th year as principal.
- Community Builder—Best, Worst or First--Walk around the room, greeting others and when the music stops you introduce yourself to a new person and tell them your best worst or first of something. Ex: gift, concert
- Thank you to the PTO for planning community events, helping the teachers. They received a check this summer which was in addition to what the school had already received. Allowed them to buy 30 laptops and overhead projectors. They will be installed in all the grade levels. Hopefully by November all classes will have them. They also got new Math Manipulatives.
- 16 new staff members and 4 teachers left Navy last year. The new staff members were listed and Mr. Coch gave a brief description of their backgrounds.
SOL Scores-We received the Governors Excellence Award for the second time in 2 years. SOL Scores- for grades 3-6. Reading 92, Math 94, SS 100, Science 97
5th grade is only science
4th grade is only social studies
Compared to the County and State we are way above.
- PBL Update: Oakton pyramid pilot for PBL. Third, Fourth and Fifth grades have PBL classes. The other students will participate in 1-4 PBL projects. Dr. Garza wants other schools to start doing this. Navy will host other schools as they are learning. Franklin had 30 teachers do the PBL training. Other elementary schools in the Oakton Pyramid are doing a few projects in their classroom.
- Space- Learning Cottage has been added outside (not trailer) for band and strings. Most kids like it. Reading Resource Teacher is teaching in the Learning Cottage and in the SACC room. Mrs. Scudder will use the library for Level 3 AAP.
183 6 graders this year. Once the 6th grade class graduates we will gain more space for next year. 7 classrooms for 6th grade.
The county will monitor the space over the year and the summer. We do not offer people placements.
Question: Is the school board discussing boundary changes? No talk of that.

- Education Philosophy of Mr. Coch
 - Positive Environment/Relationships, Implement Curriculum: Engagement/Differentiation, Content. The teachers are to try to keep the kids happy throughout the school year.
- Middle School next year—AAP students will get to choose either Rachel Carson (center) or Franklin (local).
- Question:
 - Boosterthon-why do we do it and why aren't the kids able to opt out? Its ok to tell your kids no, that you are not participating in the Boosterthon. A lot of factors went into deciding to do the Boosterthon. Financial needs we are trying to meet: what do we need/what is going to be effective. It is effective for our school. Boosterthon requires very little parent volunteer hours. It is very difficult to get parent volunteers. We needed something that would give the school money. The kids get excited about it and there is a positive message.
 - Why is there 1 PE? -Master schedule was created by 14 staff members this summer. This only applies to some grade levels. It was the only option to allow the teachers common planning time. Recess is now 20 minutes. Taking away recess should be last resort and the consequence should fit the punishment. If your child is missing multiple days of recess contact the teacher and try to come up with a new consequence.
 - 3rd and 5th grade—recess together. This is being monitored to make sure it works.
 - After school activity-managed by school or outside source? They are outside vendors and we receive a certain percentage for the PTO.
 - Homework-what does Mr. Coch think?-He doesn't like homework as long as the students continue to read. Don't force to read though. Teachers work the kids hard at school and then when they get home they should have time to enjoy extracurricular activities. If your child is below grade level-give them further instruction.
 - Runners Club-are we bringing it back? Do we have enough volunteers to assist with it? A parent volunteer is interested in bringing it back. We have a parent who is interested in leading it. We are moving forward.

Treasurer's Report- Mike Bush

- Everything is online this year. PTO website-click info, treasurer, reimbursements.
- Expense reimbursements new email address.
- Financials will be posted online.
- Credit Card Processor-Mike was able to work on this and \$1100 will be saved on credit card fees this year.
- Auditor and PTO board can view the books. Budget meetings will be held in the middle of the year. Staff and parents involved.
- Motion to approve the budget--Mike Bush. Second—Catherine Martin. Budget was voted on and was approved.

1st VP Report-Fall Fundraiser-Dana Rosensweig

- Boosterthon
 - Pep Rally will be next week to kick start the Boosterthon on Thursday, 9/21. There will be Daily Character lessons.
Theme: Kids Who Make a Difference
 - Friday, Sept 30th Fun Run-need volunteers to pass out the water. All students will participate in the run even if they don't fundraise. All Navy students will get a t-shirt.
 - 2012-2013 The Boosterthon raised \$45,000 net to Navy.
\$87,000 over a 2-year period. Participation is much higher. 90% of the families participate. Arm chair fundraiser earned us--\$32,000
 - We will re-evaluate how successful it is after the event.

2nd VP Report-Catherine Martin

- Volunteer Sign-ups- room parents , don't forget to sign up for the committees
- Back to School Welcome Picnic on the 23rd of Sept.
- Teachers will reach out to the volunteers for room parent-
- New Date for the Room Parent Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 27th changed from Sept 30th
- Reach out to Catherine if you have any questions about volunteering.

Committee Reports

- Before/ After School Activities: Registration is open. The spaces are filling up quickly. There are fall, winter and spring sessions.
- Apparel: Laura Hesselton and Jean Shaw-flyer has gone home in last week's Friday Folders and in the PTO newsletters. Big deadline is Sept30th. There are lots of pieces available online. Sweatshirts, long sleeve t's, sleeves, socks, etc. Week of Oct 24th they will be delivered. This is the only time of year that it will be sold.
- Directory: On sale now. We are running it as an opt-out. Sept.23rd is the last day to opt-out. Directory Sales close Oct 3rd and they should arrive at the end of October.
- Dining For Dollars: Chick Fil A October 12th 5:00-8:00pm We are not positive on which Chick Fil A it is-but we will get that information to you soon.
- Enrichments: Clubs that are offered at Navy. Started them last year and we are doing them again this year. We are in the process of getting them set up and there will be a packet about them next week at Back to School Night. Information session on Sept. 26th7:00 pm. This is parent led. Teachers may sponsor 2 of them. Project Based presentations, Debate club, math Olympiad, etc. Only for grades 4-6.
- Facebook: Jill Corderman will post things on Facebook. Please send in jpeg format and not pdf. Natalie Rose is our web master and handles the PTO website. Go to Navy Elementary PTO on Facebook and like us!
- Welcome Back to School Picnic: Debra Angell—next Friday, Sept 23rd. We are looking for volunteers. Using a lot of 8th grade volunteers. NZone is donating the bounce houses which are

free for the kids. Face painters. Lots of food trucks, donut and ice cream trucks. Vendors will be there. There are still 4 tables available if you are interested. Help is needed to volunteer with set up and clean up. CYA will be playing games with the kids. They can wear the CYA gear. No rain date. K-3 robotics demonstration.

- Yearbook: Hagan Donaldson—nothing goes on sale until the Spring. Picture Day is one Monday, October 3rd. We are trying to get it switched because it is a holiday. 6th grade cover contest will come out in October and is due before Thanksgiving.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- If you are not getting the email blasts—register on the PTO website. We don't get the email lists until October.
- 2 more Back to School Nights next week. Tuesday-grades 3-4 and Wednesday grades 5-6.
- Cyber Security seminar will be coming back this year sometime in October. He will be talking to 6th graders again this year.
- Raffle at the end of every PTO meeting.
 - David Plimmel won a Starbucks gift card.
 - Kindems won Mrs. Simons a gift card.

Adjournment—11:00 am