

PTO Board Meeting & Principal's Coffee

9/15/2015

Call to Order -- 9:32am

Welcome from Janna Wolff

Principal's report -- Mr. Jon Coch

- Mr. Coch welcomed everyone. Attendees participated in a musical introduction activity.
- List of new staff members -- 14 new staff members were listed and a brief description of their backgrounds was provided.
- SOL scores -- Navy is doing very well. We won an excellence award for performing well over several years. We have one of the higher scores in the county.
- PBL Update -- Four training days over the summer. Over 90% of staff members are trained in PBL. Three third grade PBL classes and two fourth grade PBL classes. All other students will participate in 1-4 PBL projects.
- STAR Program -- Molly Boey, Faye Coffey, Lorraine Marshall discussed Safe, Thoughtful, Attentive, Responsible (STAR) Program. Posters are going up throughout the building to remind students of proper behavior in cafeteria, hallways, bathrooms, recess, habitat area, and classrooms. New red light has been introduced in the cafeteria to handle noise levels. STAR helps use common language across the school to establish common vision and expectation.
- Educational Philosophy of Mr. Coch
 - Positive Environment
 - 21st Century Skills -- presentation skills, problem solving, goal-oriented, student engagement in classroom
- Questions
 - Request for daily update from teachers so parents can understand what is happening during the school day. Mr. Coch suggested reaching out to teachers if you have curriculum questions.
 - Major bus issues are occurring and parents have contacted transportation. Can anything else be done? Mr. Coch is in touch with transportation as well and they are working on it. Keep contacting transportation.
 - The outside of the school has weeds everywhere. It is looking sloppy outside the school. The custodians are responsible but we cannot use chemicals on the weeds. A parent suggested using hot water to kill weeds. It is difficult to get rid of weeds between the cracks.
 - Who clears the snow from sidewalks? It is the school's responsibility to clear the sidewalks.
 - After-school Activities -- Will the First Lego League (FLL) program be supported by Navy this year? Covers 4-8th grade. It is generally county based and not school-based because of the schedule. The regionals occur in early November and we cannot be ready in time if it is a school-based program. School-based teams start in June.
 - No word yet on the field and having it maintained.
 - How are the 3rd and 5th grade teacher and instructional assistant being split? Half the time will be spent with each grade, but only the general ed kids, not the AAP.

President's Report -- Janna Wolff

- No report

Treasurer's Report - Kathy Gustafson

- Went over the budget -- We have a surplus of \$1500 projected at this time. Our goal is to bring in more and spend less. Motion to approve the budget -- Wendy Rosenblatt, Second -- Catherine Martin. A vote was taken to approve the budget. A question was asked about the credit card fees and Kathy discussed how we are lowering the fees. Budget was passed.
- Audit -- Every year we are required to undergo an audit. We are wrapping-up the audit process right now and it will go to our CPA for tax purposes.

1st VP's Report -- Sue Martin

- No Fuss Fall Fundraiser -- Navy PTO asks families to donate \$50 per child. We made over \$30,000 last year but only 64% participated. Our goal this year is to make \$40,000. Sue is looking for help to think of ideas for motivating people to write a check.
 - Idea to give a coupon book for donations -- companies would donate to book for free
 - We do allow people to donate online
 - Offer some incentives similar to Boosterthon but less intense -- rewards for the kids are effective, even if it is a small toy. Also need to motivate the teachers to encourage the kids.
 - Use hard copy flyers in Friday Folder
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Sue does not want a Spring Fundraiser. She wants to raise \$40,000 in the fall so we won't need one in the spring.
 - Most likely we will have a Spring fundraiser. Last year the silent auction brought in \$7,000. We could also have a fun run, which will involve the kids and encourage a healthy lifestyle.
 - A suggestion to raise money through Bike to School day. That is a national day so we need to be careful not to make it a charge to bike to school. We could sell t-shirts or water.
- Our first fundraiser is coming up -- Ladies Night Out at Undeniable Boutique. A portion of the proceeds gets donated to the PTO. Last year we made \$700.
- Every full-time teacher at Navy gets \$200 to spend on classroom supplies and each grade gets \$300 for the grade.
- Dining for Navy -- Dates and locations have not yet been determined. This is an opportunity to eat a restaurant on a particular date and a percentage of the proceeds is donated to the PTO.

2nd VP's Report -- Catherine Martin

- Sign-up Sheets are around the room.
- Volunteers are needed for Fall Family Fun Night for the games, bingo and ice cream portion. Need help with the Pumpkin Decorating contest. This is very popular with the kids.
- Opening for Science Fair Committee Head.
- End of the month is room parent meeting -- Sept. 30th.

Committee Reports

- After School Activities
 - Registration started last week. Worked out the issues quickly. STEM XL classes sold out, chess club sold out but we are opening new sessions. Cooking and Dance are full also.
- Apparel
 - Sales are on now and will remain open until Sept 27th. Get orders in now.
- Dining for Dollars
 - TBD
- Directory
 - Putting the directory together now. We are running it as an opt-out this year and hope this will make it more inclusive. Sept. 25th is last day to opt-out. Sales of the directory will start this week on-line and the end date will be early October. The directory should arrive at the end of Oct. You will get paper copy and access to it on an app if you buy the directory.

- Dolphin Depot
 - It will open at the end of October. Looking now for 6th graders to run the store. This is a great learning opportunity for 6th graders.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Back to School Nights -- Start tomorrow
 - K-1 Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - 4-6 Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - 2-3 Monday, Sept. 21, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Book Fair
 - Starts Oct 23rd here in the library during the Fall Fun Night
 - Operates for a week after the Fall Fun Night during the school day
 - Teacher wish lists will be available and your child will make a wish list
- Committee Chair Meeting -- Sept. 18th, 9:30am
- Room Parent Meeting -- Sept 30th, 9:30am

Old Business

- Passed out gift cards to last years retired Board members and thanked them for their service

Adjournment -- 10:45am
