

PTO Minutes March 15, 2018

Three of Four Board Members Present

The PTO budget was reviewed. Quiz night monies are in and the Police detail was billed to Quiz Night. Upcoming expenses were discussed. CPR will be paid for by the PTO and price has increased slightly.

Dues is up to 36% of families participating. This is an increase of 11% from last year. The budget was passed.

Grant Requests:

Mr Fish discusses each:

The Baritone request is reallocated to \$1700 asked from the PTO. Mr Fish explains he can help with the remainder for sax budget come July inside the school budget.

Therefore \$2000 of that request can be prioritized to helping finance buses for prom.

Mr L. requested another boom box for wellness. We will approve the boom box and they will make sure that it is the best price possible (\$497).

Mr. Fish requests the PTO subsidize the senior buses to Cole and Vinal to do a graduation walk thru. There are new senior class advisors and they are getting used to the role.

The Parkland Remembrance moment of silence will happen today at 10:00am due to the snow day yesterday. The students requested \$250 for posters to be created of the 17 victims. A discussion of the walk out ensued and safety and security issues dealing with that were involved. Clipper Kindness Coalition was involved in organizing the 17 min memorial. The time will be filled with letter writing to congress, details about attending the larger walk in Boston and DC, and centered around kindness efforts rather than a walk out. Mr Fish comments that the hearts and minds of the students are in the right place and willing to work with adults to ensure an effective remembrance and it reflects the caliber of student this community is bringing up.

Homework free weekend discussion ensued, obviously the teachers may be stressed to comply with this because of the weather.

A thank you note was read from the Cliff Notes. And Howard presented a photo of the electrophoresis equipment we provided to BioTech. Howard notes we spend the PTO money and people appreciate it.

District PTO recap:

We picked up some helpful things: perhaps do a survey monkey to do a membership survey. We would like to do it. Other PTO's in district are attaching the actual money spent to help school causes in their parent email with a solicitation for dues. Allie Link

thinks it may be effective tool to collect dues. Howard suggests to outline a brief summary of expenditures on the email, too.

Quiz night thank you discussion. We did one in the mariner last year. Howard will contact Kristin Jervey to put in a small thank you in the "things around town" section.

NEF North Star Award program has gone out to many platforms. See the link in recent PTO email.

If They Had Known presentation date changed to April 3rd. Sure to be a very informative and powerful night. The PTO supported this for \$1000. Please join us!

The Empty Bowls program is coming up and taking place in the cafe.

The next Teacher Luncheon is coming up 5/17.

Graduations balloons discussion ensues whether to use latex vs Mylar. And the group decided to spend \$200 more for Mylar so they stay inflated on the mailboxes. And the group decided to forgo the cruise invitation. Savings of \$200. Latex balloons deflate in hours after being attached. Christine Joseph and Carolyn Lundgren will chair this lovely tradition. Howard suggests they do a sign up genius to find helpers. May be able to be set up the night before now that they are using mylar. Happens 6/2.

The Senior Breakfast is Thursday prior to grad. Christine Smith is the chair. Eileen Corbett will help.

Prom discussion: tix sale dates were announced. Mr Fish has given student gov't a little leniency to step away from fundraising. Prom ticket price will go up this year due to expenses for transportation. We will increase the cost of the ticket to pay a portion of the buses. Mr Fish wants to come to the PTO for transportation costs to provide coach buses to prom to keep students safe each year. This would defray the cost for the students. PTO will need a line item for buses; \$2000 this year and each year. An additional \$2000 is needed for the prom walk out. Much discussion ensued about creative ways to defray cost of walk out and transportation. A vote was taken on the allocation of \$2000 for prom buses, approved.

March PTO Officer nominations start. President: Brenda Henriquez is nominated. Jinda Mulvey is nominated to be Vice President. Nomination for Jenn Lucchetti to be treasurer. Beata has committed to second year as secretary. Voting in April. Appointments in May.

Principals report:

Already discussed Parkland Remembrance. And the presentation, "If they Had Known".

Open Discussion:

Parkland Remembrance: other schools had made acts of going up to 17 people you don't know. 17 acts of kindness. Promotes a positive school climate for everyone.

Town meeting 5/7. Next meeting Matthew Keegan will present school budget at the next PTO meeting: 4/12 9:15am