General PTA Meeting

Friday November 3rd, 2017 at 9:00 am

Attendees: Traci Sutherland, Principle Katie Timothy, Marie Roe, Ann Sampson, Brenda Shamo, Amy Rudolph, Rachel Lahr, Christy Richards and Ina Hamilton.

1. Reverence and Pledge – Traci Sutherland & Christy Richards
   1. Liberia Facebook – Take a chance and you never know how great an impact you will have on others.
2. Membership & Letters to Military (Dec calendar item)
   1. 238 members, all teachers have joined – 12 away from counsel goal. Our PTA budgeted goal is 240 members, which we are only 2 away from.
      1. Traci & Christy may come the night of science fair and see if they can get any more memberships and sell the remaining t-shirts we have.
         1. Counsel goal this month is 40% male membership
      2. Letters to Military
         1. Cards typically donated through Barnes & Noble. This year we are to late so we will need to provide our own or have the children make their own. They need to be turned in to Fidelity by November 24th. The contact that Anne has, can make it an annual thing. She will provide him with the PTA email as a point of contact so that he can reach out to coordinate it each year. We will place cards in the workroom Thursday 9th-16th and have a box for them to turn in to. Cards to Anne by the 22nd. Amy will send an email to Principle Daynes for the teachers to have their students participate.
3. Principle’s Report – Mrs. Timothy
   1. Leadership team is in the process of writing a mission and vision statement for Fox Hills. Would like impute from the PTA in January as to idea that they could possibly utilize for this.
   2. Halloween went well, thank you to all those who volunteered with the parade and parties.
   3. Teacher grants, PTA has received several, no need to send a reminder to submit applications.
   4. Teacher Rep has been appointed. Abby Miller in 3rd grade will be involved via email as she is teaching during the time meetings are held.
      1. The teachers really appreciate Workroom Heroes
         1. Requested by the Workroom Heroes: if a teacher is requesting a project for multiple teachers, a separate bucket be provided for each teacher. That way it can be sorted properly and not create overflowing totes (or projects that otherwise don’t fit in the completed area.)
      2. Volunteers coming into her class to help with reading and math- Brenda Shamo will head
         1. Brenda will coordinate with Ms. Miller. This is a big need throughout the school. Brenda has already started talking with ESL to get a better idea of what will be the best way to help students and teachers. This may be something that we can ask for local volunteers or setting up a Community Partnership. Ms. Timothy also suggested maybe getting something with the younger grades to help learn phonics. Rachel Lahr has a copy of the “Pioneer Screener” that they utilize at Beehive Elementary. Helps to gauge everything from letter and sound recognition to reading non-sense words. Allows them to pinpoint exactly where the student’s issues are to better work with them. She will get Brenda a copy of the screener. Other issue is not pulling kids out of class, so when do we do this and not be disruptive to class time? Also, how do you decide on where to start? One class at a time?-Which class gets help first? Rachel mentioned that the screener can help the teacher see the class as a whole as well as the individual students. This might help us to identify where to start as well as let the teachers see where they can work with their classes directly. Brenda will report on this in January.
            1. For further discussion:

* Volunteers (How and Who)?
* Where to begin and how to do it?

1. Approval of October 2017 Minutes – Amy Rudolph
   1. Rachel motioned for approval, Christy seconded. **Minutes have been approved unanimously.**
   2. Future agenda submissions. Amy will email before each meeting. Don’t assume she will put your items on the next month’s agenda if you don’t say anything.
      1. Amy will add Ina Hamilton and Abby Miller to these emails going forward in the future.
2. Treasurer’s Report & Amended Budget – Christy Richards
   1. October was quiet, $150.78 mainly from t-shirts and memberships and spent $39.51 SEP meals, Dads and Donuts, and Vision Screening
   2. $525 for Reflections and $100 from the glasses
3. Reflections – Marie Roe
   1. Reflections have been returned and winners will be notified before the assembly for those that are moving on. Assembly will be November 28th at 1:45 and 2:30pm. Jana is taking care of the assembly. They will need help handing out rewards, taking pictures, and getting students back to their seat.
   2. Traci is working on a procedure book. Requested that Marie send her the issues, concerns and successes of Reflections from this year to reference for future years on the book.
      1. Rachel got certificates from Classic Skating for each student that participated. May be able to use them for rewards in future years.
      2. Aubrey Lott also left coupon rewards to use for this year.
4. Calendar Business – Traci Sutherland
   1. Reflections Awards – See item 6 in notes
   2. Letters to Military (through December) – See item 2b in notes
   3. No December PTA meeting
   4. Dads and Donuts – Traci will get a date from Mrs. Daynes. She will relay this date to Gus and Susan to see if donuts can be donated again. Need volunteers to hand out donuts instead letting everyone grab their own.
   5. Mother/Son Event- We need a date for this event. It needs to be confirmed if Gus is planning to head this event. From there it will be discussed when and what we are doing for the event.
5. Super Bowl of Caring – Traci Sutherland
   1. Reviewed how the food is donated to the Food Bank. Do we adjust how we do this in the future or leave this as we have done in years past? Student Counsel is helping do the drive. Traci will touch base with Ms. Oschenhirt to see if she is on board with continuing to do this or if she no longer wants to be the contact point and we start going through Granite Education Foundation.
6. Teacher Grants – Traci Sutherland
   1. There is currently 7 grants being reviewed, if all approved, $1410.00 will be granted.
   2. Grant approvals – Discussed the approval notifications, getting teachers to sign grant agreements, and returning receipts.
7. Family Center Report – Ina Hamilton
   1. There are 22 families for Christmas donations. (5 Angel tree & 18 Dr. Diez Organization)
   2. Getting more local community involved, by doing workshops and providing further resources.
8. Adjournment
   1. Next PTA meeting Friday, Jan 5 at 9:00am Brenda motioned, Amy seconded.