

PTO Minutes for November 1, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. Doll, Dr. Steve Ellis (co-President), Teresa Pope (co-President), Alice Guthrie (Secretary), Nic Green (Treasurer), Sandy Barnes, Dawn Klock, Teri Pridgen, Beth Parker and Heather Johnson

- Dr. Ellis opened meeting at 6:30pm
- Minutes were approved
- Treasurers report was discussed and approved

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dr. Ellis discussed Teacher Appreciation-Teresa Pope and other volunteers provided popcorn and drinks to staff last month. Also, on Oct. 31st, staff was provided pizza for lunch (from Dominoes)
- The Spelling Bee (which was held at Hunt) went well. Hunt finished 4th

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Ellis presented a tentative budget to discuss activities undertaken by PTO. These activities include teacher mini-grants, scholarships, teacher birthdays, etc.
- In regards to the teacher mini-grants, PTO decided to place the mini-grant letters in teacher boxes this week and be returned by 11-30-16. Mr. Doll will place the letters in the boxes and collect them once completed. Mini-grants will be discussed and decided upon at the next PTO mtg on 12-6-16.
- Teacher birthdays will be presented differently this year. PTO agreed to provide lunch on each of the last 3 early release days. Each staff member will receive lunch in an effort to recognize each staff birthday. Lunches will consist of pizza, subs or something similar. This will allow the Hospitality Committee to have more money for monthly treats for staff.
- The PBIS student celebration is being discussed by the student advisory committee that Mr. Doll organized. There have already been free incentives, such as an extra 5 minutes at lunch for the lunch period who cleans up after themselves the most successfully. Mr. Doll stated this incentive has been very successful. There is money from the county to provide incentives and the PTO agreed to give the money to Mr. Doll to be used at his discretion (for the PBIS celebrations). Mr. Doll is to report to PTO exactly how these funds will be spent, once he decides.
- Nic Green brought up the recent bomb threats and the concerns with the miscommunication between the school and central office. Green referenced the phone call stating the kids were on buses and dry, when they were still on the football field and wet. Green stated he felt the school had handled the situation well, but would like more clear communication in these incidences.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

- Mr. Doll reported the following:
 - Make-up days will be January 2, 2017 and February 8, 2017 (we will gain a day second semester)
 - Hunt had 6 families affected by Hurricane Matthew (5 students/1 staff). The school is selling BBQ Chicken plates on 11-18-16. Tickets are for sale in the main office and all proceeds will go to benefit these affected families. Teresa asked that Mr. Doll get with Guidance and report any specific needs the families may have.
 - Mr. Doll reported the students have behaved well during the recent bomb threats. PTO members suggested letting the students know the seriousness of making such a threat to the school.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- Teri Pridgen mentioned that PTO is feeding staff on 11-7-16.
- NHS-Nic Green discussed the fact that external events should be considered when determining a student's leadership roles and qualifying for NHS. Green stated that credit is given to students who have internal leadership roles, and he would like to see external roles be acknowledged. NHS criteria are on a school by school basis.

Dr. Ellis adjourned meeting

NEXT PTO MEETING is Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:30 in the Media Center

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Guthrie PTO Secretary