

PTO Minutes

March 7, 2017

Attendees:

Nic Green, Mr. Doll, Steve Ellis, Alice Guthrie, Teri Pridgen, Teresa Pope, Brenda Murrill, and Gwen Ballard

*Steve Ellis/PTO President called meeting to order

*Minutes were approved from last PTO meeting

*Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved

- Early Release: Date of next early release is 3-8-17. PTO is going to feed the staff pizza. PTO has fed staff on previous early release days this year.
- "Cocoa Mojo": Dr. Ellis reported that students who have not been tardy in 6 weeks were served hot cocoa last week. Dr. Ellis reported the students enjoyed this treat and it appeared to be well accepted. Mr. Doll stated there will be some sort of attendance party in May.
- Academic Excellence Ceremony: Teresa Pope informed attendees that the date/time is Friday, April 7th at 9:30am. The ceremony is to acknowledge students who have maintained a 4.0. Mr. Doll reported that there are 189 total students with 67 of those being Seniors.
- PTO Scholarships: Attendees discussed the criteria for receipt of a scholarship. Criteria included that the parent must be a member of PTO and receipt of scholarship is NOT need based. Mr. Doll will choose a group of staff members to determine which students receive the scholarships. (This is to maintain the integrity of the scholarship selection by not having other parents (PTO Board Members) decide on the recipients.) Attendees agreed to divide the \$1500 into 3 scholarships worth \$500 each. Mr. Doll will create a letter and announce the scholarship opportunity to the students. Dr. Ellis would like to see the application include a short essay from the student as to why he/she is applying for the scholarship. The application process will begin before Spring Break. Scholarship checks will be handed to the recipients on Award's Day.
- Mini Grants: Mr. Doll reported grants have been given to the staff. Dr. Ellis would like pictures of the recipients to put on the PTO webpage.
- Teacher Appreciation: Teresa Pope stated she will provide a small snack for staff in April. May is Teacher Appreciation week, however we will have a big meal the first week and a snack/treat once/week the remaining weeks in May. Alice Guthrie and Stephanie Williams will be Hospitality Committee chairs next school year.
- Teresa addressed the need to have an Executive Board in place for next year before the end of this year. This year's PTO needs to leave some money for next year's PTO to begin.

➤ Principal's Report: Mr. Doll reported he feels like PBIS is working. Office referrals are down 22%. Mr. Doll also stated he felt like the Juniors were focused for the ACT given last week. A few dates coming up include: Prom: April 8th and last day of school: June 9th

Dr. Ellis adjourned meeting and date for next PTO meeting is to be determined.