

# VHEC PTO Board Meeting

## Monday, August 15th 2016

### **Call to order and welcome: Summer Zulanis, President**

- Introduction of officers and their position on the PTO Board
- Update on registration process and data collection

### **Inspirational Word: Leah Willoughby read by Summer Zulanis**

- Beautifully written encouragement for the beginning of school ending with a scripture reading. Leah has also offered to take prayer requests for anyone needing them and provided her cell phone to be accessible by text 243-4224

### **Secretary's Report- Alissa Padgett**

- No notes from the final PTO meeting in May were provided by the previous secretary. I will summarize and send in as best as I can remember.

### **Treasurer's Report- Michelle Morrow**

- Money is finally coming in from registration. We are down \$3,000 from the previous year but hope that some will continue to trickle in.
- Emails have been sent to faculty allowing faculty to start submitting their check requests for teacher start up funds that were initially put on hold.
- A request made to approve the 2016/2017 budget. Budget approved unanimously.
- Current Financials \$20,885.25 in checking and \$5,026.26 in the rainy day account.

### **Principal's Report-Marian Humphries**

- Recognition and thanking Summer Zulanis and Michelle Morrow for assisting and handling the registration issues.
- Review of Faculty meeting and inspirational moments teachers were having and sharing regarding the impact and changes they can make in children's lives.
- A request to those in attendance to be a positive resource when talking with other families in the community regarding issues with registration or questions regarding the school. Remind them there are resources available to them that can answer questions like teachers and administration at school.

### **Counselor's Report- Alexis Sapp**

- Mrs. Sapp introduced Mrs. Knight. Mrs. Knight was the previous guidance counselor and will be back at central sharing responsibility with Mrs. Sapp.

### **Vice Principal's Report- Lorie Belski**

- Professional Development was busy this summer. VHEC has adopted a new science program AMSTI- Alabama Math Science & Technology Initiative. An innovative approach to teaching both science and Math. All science teachers at Central were trained this summer. Visit [www.amsti.org](http://www.amsti.org) for more information about the program.
- Teachers also attend a Dyslexia awareness and training program,

- Computer Lab changes- additional computers have been added to the mobile labs for better accessibility and to prevent a shortage. The former dedicated computer lab room will be used for stem labs as well.

**Faculty Representative- Kristen Snable**

- On behalf of the faculty, Kristen thanked the PTO for the back to school luncheon and summit gift cards. She said the staff appreciated both.

**President Elect/Budget & Finance- Melissa Kaiser**

- The committee will meet 11/2 after the fundraiser has finalized. More information coming

**1st VP President/ Newsletter- Tara Thomas (not available)**

- Summer Zulanis - the first newsletter should go out via soon

**2nd Vice President/ Volunteer- Rhonda Smith**

- 5th Grade class Sign up genius was sent out 8/16
- 4th grade will be coming out soon as well as a teacher time out sign up genius

**Central Games- Ruth Bean**

- Gear up is now The Central Games this will help us keep all the money at Central and avoid fees from another company.
- The goal is \$70,000
- There will be no selling just collection of checks and online payments
- Each class has a goal of \$2,000
- There are individual, class and teacher incentives
- McDonald's is hosting a spirit night for The Central Games 9/ 26 from 5-8 pm 25% of profits will go to VHEC. Spread the word to eat at McDonalds that night!
- Additional help is needed to collect prizes of various values for both students and teachers

**Hospitality- Melody Folmar (unavailable )**

- Summer Zulanis filled in- Melody was able to plan and execute the back to teacher luncheon while traveling with the help of Ashley Peters and Kim Nall

**Yearbook- Evan Wright**

- Evan and Allison Herr will be the chairs for yearbook.
- Smartphone photos can not be used for year books. If a camera is needed Evan Wright has an extra that may be loaned.

**Room Parent Coordinator- Deborah Newsom (not available)**

- Summer Zulanis - Parents signed up at meet the teacher. Room Parents will be emailed. There is a mandatory room parent meeting 8/22 at 8:30
- The following 4th grade teachers did not have anyone sign up Meeks, Grammas and Williams. If you know someone interested in those classes please send Deborah their phone number.

**Office Volunteers- Lisa Bryant**

- Most slots are filled with exception of a few slots the 4th and 5th week of school. Thank you to those who signed up.

**Library Volunteers- Amy File**

- There is a significant need for additional library volunteers Mrs. Hester would like 2 a day every day 8:30-11:30 and 11:30-1:30. Please contact Amy or Mrs. Hester if you would like to volunteer.

**PIE Partner- Cindy Cherry**

- There is a need for PIE partners to donate in kind or other donations for The Central Games fundraiser.
- Food items and gifts for teacher door prizes are needed for teacher appreciation week as well as other events throughout the year.
- It is a minimum donation of \$250 to be a PIE partner. The PIE partner gets recognition through multiple resources throughout the year.

**Camp McDowell- Cindy Cherry**

- Packets have been sent home with children. The collection due date is 8/25. Families may send them back in with children or there will be a collection table as well.

**Grand Pals- Brandi Vickers (not available)**

- More information coming soon
- Many questions regarding the what Grand Pals is and how a Grand Pal can be involved. Mrs. Humphries clarified it can be a senior in the community, not just a grand parent. There are different ways to be involved. Another member in attendance asked for better clarification and more promotion.

**Directory- Robyn Kown**

- Working on data collection. Evan Wright designed a new graphic for the directory.

**Foundation Rep- Alissa Padgett**

- PNC luncheon is 10/4/ 16 at the Vestavia Country Club. Author and film writer of the movie “ Woodlawn”, Todd Gerald is our guest speaker. Last year was a sell out. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at [www.vestaviafoundation.org](http://www.vestaviafoundation.org). This is also the 20th anniversary for the VHCSF. If you have not made a pledge please make one so that we can fill grants and needs within each school.

**Announcements**

- Room Parent Meeting August 23, 8:30
- PTO Open House August 23, 5:00
- Labor Day/ No School September 5
- PTO Board Meeting September 6 9:30 ( Tuesday)
- Central Games Pep Rally September 23, 1:45
- Central Games Week Begins September 26
- CAmp McDowell Group 1 October 5-7