

Brush PTSA Meeting
September 6, 2017
Brush Library

Those in attendance: Sky McDonald, Adrienne Repko, Eric Eckman, Lori Eckman, Megan Wittels, Rhonda Pierce, Crystal Basile, Anne Frey, Debbie Kendig, Karl Williamson, Lori Crouse, David Frey, Ann Brizee, Dana Fears, Tim Carlin, Jodi Turk, Sue Hamilton, Cecelia Gray, Anna Smith, Tiffinae Ware, Cassandra Jones, Chelley Hopson, Teanna Weeks, Jeri Hughley, Stefanie Rhine, Heidi Parries and Pam Rossi.

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm

Quorum: Yes

Welcome by Anne Frey.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspiration read by Rhonda Pierce.

Introductions.

Dorothy Owens, with State Farm, spoke to the group about Teen Education and Driving. She spoke to laws that parents of teen drivers are unaware of and distributed materials. She will be present at the Brush Open House to present in more detail and answer any questions.

A motion to accept the May 3 and June 7, 2017 PTSA meeting minutes was made by Sky McDonald and seconded by Rhonda Pierce. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Debbie Kendig –

Presented the Year End Transaction Report, dated July 12, 2017, for questions and review. There were no questions.

Presented 2017/2018 School Year Transaction report. The balance, as of August 31, 2017, was \$23,354.30. Expenses were to open and equipment concessions for the start of the school year.

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget was distributed for review and discussion:

- Increases in Treasurer Fund/Bank to purchase updated accounting software.
- Concessions Maintenance is now separate line item. Many of concession items need replacing, focus in Visitor's Concession stand.
- Increase in Student Volunteer Organizations.
- Increase in Start Up Cash Drawer to accommodate and include multiple soccer game concession sales. The amount on proposed budget will be corrected to \$1,250.00.
- Decrease in Book Fair.
- Grants budget to include requests from school organizations.
- Addition of Senior Arts Awards to the Reflections line item and increased. This is to reciprocate the support PTSA receives from the Art Department.
- Increase in Yearbook Ads to include the ad placed with PTA Council.
- There was a carry-over from last year's grants of \$4,000.00 as there was no payout.

Mr. Williamson was approached by the Western Reserved Athletic Conference to participate in a fundraiser to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The fundraiser will be the selling of a specially designed t-shirts at sporting events. Mr. Williamson is looking for PTSA support. A question was asked as to the cost of the t-shirts? At this time, it's unknown.

A motion to increase our Community Relations proposed budget to \$750.00 by moving \$500.00 from the Allocations proposed budget to assist with this fundraiser was made by Tiffinae Ware and seconded by Rhonda Pierce. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the 2017/2018 Brush PTSA budget with changes was made by Lori Eckman and seconded by Tiffinae Ware. The motion passed. The 2017/2018 Brush PTSA budget is filed.

Corresponding Secretary, Anna Smith –

A Thank You card was sent to us by Mrs. Fine for the gift card. Sympathy cards have gone out for any names submitted. If anyone else needs a card or correspondence, please submit to Anna.

Principal, Mr. Williamson –

Staff has been asked to fill out PTSA membership if they have not done so already. Teacher reps will rotate at the various meetings.

Playing Mayfield Heights in football next week. Mr. Murphy is working on ways to increase school spirit. There's a Pep Assembly schedule for the day of the game at 2:15PM in Korbs Field.

NHS induction will be on September 25, 2017 at 6:00PM. A question was asked why inductee list is small? Bylaws regulations are used to determine inductees. A question was asked if parents were included on the announcement email? Mr. Williamson will confirm if parents were included. A question was asked if reasons are given if student isn't accepted? No. The Committee follows the criteria and rates.

Brush Open House will be held on September 26, 2017 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Dorothy Owens, State Farm, will be there with an extended teen driver presentation. Please note this is not an advertisement for State Farm.

On Friday, September 8th, football will be hosting John Adams at home and Willoughby South on September 28, 2017. Soccer vs. Mayfield is September 12, 2017. Boys will be at home and girls away. Looking to PTSA to open concessions for volleyball games.

1:1 Chrome Book program is still being implemented. A question was asked If students have access in Study Hall and Library? Depends on the location of the Study Hall room. Not all rooms have access.

The four (4) students that participated in the Young Scientist Program will be featured in local media.

A question was asked that since the end of the day bell was changed based on the implementation of Chrome Books, will it go back? The answer is no. A question was asked if there will come a time when students can take Chrome Books home? Yes, looking at the 2018-2019 school year.

A question was asked if we could have more information regarding the lockdown that happen Friday, September 1, 2017? A tip was called into the school from an outside regarding potential person in the school. The staff followed school protocol for lockdown and communications. No threat was found. The School, Administration and the Lyndhurst Police department will look at

opportunities to enhance protocols. Discussion was had by the group regarding concerns and the vast amount of misinformation spread through media and social media.

Historian Report, Pam Rossi -

Looking to streamline the student volunteer process in concessions with the Guidance Office. A spreadsheet of names and volunteer hours will be sent to them. Will include time in and time out and signed off by a PTSA adult.

President Report, Anne Frey -

During the summer, the Executive Board accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Gordon as 3rd VP. Lori Eckman was voted into the open position.

SEL Appreciation Day is September 16, 2017. Brush PTSA and Council will have a tent. Looking for volunteers from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. A sign-up sheet for this and PTSA Committees was distributed to the group.

SEL PTA Council has set up an Amazon Smile Account. Please use when shopping Amazon. Start shopping at the Smile.Amazon.com site, select South Euclid Lyndhurst PTA Council as your charity and start shopping.

It has been communicated that a community volunteer without children in the district, must fill out an application and background check. Superintendent Reid and Mr. Williamson are working with the Board to get more clarification.

October 20, 2017, Rick Smith will be hosting a magic show in partnership with PTA Council. Please stay tune for more information.

Student Congress will be sending representatives to attend PTSA meetings. Looking to building better relationships and increase involvement with the student body. The Key Club will also be working with PTSA.

HBCUs will waive application fees during the college fair on November 18, 2017.

Stefanie Rhine will continue to support PTSA social media efforts. Working to fill committees and chairperson(s). Sign-up sheets were distributed for committee volunteers.

Legislative Report was handed out for review. No questions.

The Audit and taxes are complete. Debbie Kendig will provide copies to the PTSA.

Student Congress, Tim –

Homecoming prep will be October 2 – October 12, 2017. A motion to provide up to \$500.00 from Allocations for pizza was made by Rhonda Pierce. Before there was a second or vote, an amended vote was made. A motion to end Rhonda Pierce's motion was made by Cecelia Gray and seconded by Crystal Basile. The motion passed. A motion to add a Homecoming line item to the budget in the amount of \$500.00 using money transferred from Allocations was made by Cecelia Gray and seconded by Crystal Basile. The motion passed.

Membership, Rhonda Pierce –

Currently there are 45 members.

PTA Council, Sky McDonald and Sue Hamilton –

Reviewed the upcoming SEL Appreciation Days, the Rick Smith Magic show and the non-district volunteer policy (discussed in earlier in meeting).

PTA Council needs a Treasurer and a Grants chair.

3rd VP, Tiffinae Ware, Megan Wittels, and Lori Eckman-

Concessions was awarded a grant to renovate concessions stands. Awaiting check. Look to update both visitor and home concessions, making them both equally functional.

Please forward any suggestions to enhance concessions to the group.

Sign up genius is up. Looking to use group volunteers for the visitor side. Accepting more group and parent volunteers.

Committees-

After Prom went well last school year. May consider again for this school year. There is a \$2,300.00 carry over.

Bylaws: Are currently being updated.

Grants: Please encourage students to apply.

A question was asked if we want to bring Hospitality back? No.

Reflections: The district Reflections committee needs assistance.

Cassandra Jones will be the School Board representative.

Old Business -

There were no questions regarding unfinished business.

New Business –

Lauryn Gray (daughter of Cecelia Gray) is participating in the Delta Sigma Theta Cotillion and asking for PTSA consideration in placing an advertisement.

A motion to place a \$25.00 business card ad for the Delta Sigma Theta Cotillion using funds from the Community Relations budget as made by Tiffinae Ware and seconded by Rhonda Pierce. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Submitted by: Crystal Basile, Recording Secretary