

# ***Clarkston Junior High School PTA***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

September 14, 2018

**In attendance:** Larry Osentoski, Theresa Fabrizio, Katy Sutcliffe, Amy Darnell, Adam Kern, Jessica Jankowski, Cathy Stewart, Jennifer Swensen, Hilary Keubler, Mary Herzenstiel, Katrina McMahon, Robin Maloney, Robin Speer, Jamisen Sivak.

### **I. Call to order**

Larry called to order the regular meeting of the CJHS PTA at 9:38am.

### **II. Introductions**

### **III. Secretary's report: Katy Sutcliffe**

- Jessica/Theresa will send out minutes for end of year meetings last year.
- Some discussion was had regarding use of social media platforms to engage parents and students. Mary suggested maybe some district wide training for PTA/PTOs would be useful regarding use of social media. Theresa, Mary and Barb to discuss further.

### **IV. Treasurers report: Larry Osenoski**

- Copies of last years budget distributed to attendees. Ending balance \$4303.61. Deposit \$3610 for memberships on orientation day. Kroger check was \$705. \$470 memberships 47 members down on this time last year, but donations are increased. Jessica pointed out that only 10-20 staff members were PTA members. Teachers need to be a member to submit a ways and means request.
- Money brought in. Nothing from Meijer. Remove Entertainment book fundraiser. Ideas to be discussed later to replace entertainment book fundraiser. Donations budget projection \$4500. Eliminate school kits line.
- Money going out. Remains roughly the same. Project 60 memberships. School beautification \$50. Teacher maintains gym area. Courtyard? Robin Speer stated that she was unsure of what her role should be? Katrina suggested the information sign needs work on. Katrina reminded us that have to be low maintenance.

Katrina suggested that pots get moved a lot. Theresa suggested that if Robin had specific ideas then could be proposed and additional budgets potentially approved. Mary reminded us that we may need to talk to grounds people to work with them. Jessica proposed that Robin bring a proposal to next meeting to discuss.

- Staff appreciation increased to \$500. Conference dinners, line item added to show parent donations to staff dinners.
- Reflections budget \$50. Assemblies \$1000. 9<sup>th</sup> grade USO program removed as line item, can use ways and means requests if we need to.
- 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade field trip/activity \$3,500/\$2,000 to remain the same .
- Current funds would leave approx. \$600 excess for ways and means. Some discussion around projected income for the year vs actual income now. Should money be allocated to ways and means requests instead of 9<sup>th</sup> grade event that is currently unplanned with a view that we would have enough money to cover a 9<sup>th</sup> grade event by that time? Cathy pointed out that our literature stated that donations would cover 9<sup>th</sup> grade event. Katy suggested that there could be a second donation push stating that current donations do not cover current budget. Theresa and Larry suggested that there should be a line item remaining in the budget for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade event, maybe reduce budget?
- Larry made a motion to approve budget now, with an amended budget sent out next week. Theresa seconded . All agreed .

## **V. Presidents report: Larry**

- Bylaws. Larry will send all interested copies of bylaws. Will discuss at future meeting after all have time to review..

## **VI. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report: Robin Maloney**

### **Request from ways and means**

- Heart monitor system for PE class. Coming to PTA for half of the cost. Adam elaborated that the aim was to demonstrate to student's optimal heart rates, etc also be used to better quantify student participation in gym and use the data to encourage greater participation. Adam has committed money towards it, also the department are aiming to secure other grants. Secured David Elliot grant.

Mary said that the department would have a screen that would show the data in real time. Robin said that the department did shop around and research the best cost/value options available. Want to purchase 50 bands, 40 monitors. Armbands are washable. Interventions for students that are regularly not accessing the gym curriculum. Theresa questioned what the nature of these interventions would be? Has been used at other schools in the district. Robin to follow up with teachers and to email out information. Further discussion to be had prior to and at the next meeting.

#### **V111. Membership report: Cathy Stewart**

- 51 memberships. Last year 169.

#### **1X. Principal's report: Adam Kern**

- Some issues that we are still working through following construction. Largely improvements to the school were positively received.
  - 573 8<sup>th</sup> graders 574 9<sup>th</sup> graders. 1147 total students, lower than previous years, state and district wide trend. Class sizes nothing over 35 this year, probably the best they have been in last few years. Some science and math classes under 30. District tried to keep staff and reduce class sizes. Several new staff members.
  - New classroom furniture all been ordered and purchased, most will happen over Christmas break. New technology being introduced late October/early November. All departments have two chrome book carts dedicated to own department. History dept looking at purchasing new textbooks, issue has been that the quality of books has not been as good over recent years, instead they chose to purchase additional chrome book carts to utilize high quality research sites.
  - Bond- driveway not complete yet, additional project for construction tech, foundation for mock house put in. Driveway will be completed after that project is completed. Hopefully will happen before November.
  - Mary asked if we were getting sound fields in classroom, Adam responded that yes some classrooms would be getting it. Also portable systems.
- **X. Volunteer Co-ordinator report: Theresa Fabrizio**
- **X1. Communications :**
- **X11. Committees**
- Staff appreciation- Amy would welcome any suggestions from previous years.

**X111. New Business**

- No new business

**X1V: Upcoming events**

- October 26<sup>th</sup> 9am at SEPAC coffee at Honcho for parents of students with IEPs.
- Book studies at CIDL 9/24 7pm, 9/26 10.30am “The Happiness Advantage.”

Adjournment: 10.55 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Katy Sutcliffe CJHS Secretary