

Spring Avenue PTO MEETING 9/11/2019

Introduction of PTO Board

Mr. Lawson's School Update:

Peace Ceremony will happen before the Fall Fest

School will have a Bahamas fundraiser

Soc Hop will be on Oct. 18th (Halloween themed)

Very thankful for the basketball backboards

"Gerald the Tree" has been replaced by Gerald Jr. (a plaque will be on display)

ACES Club sponsored by MS. Kubelius will have its first meeting in October

Spring Admin (LAWson and Calder) purchased small "perks" for the teachers return to the new school year: candy, pop, tea, and "woohoo card"

Gift card donations are appreciated to keep this initiative going (small denomination gift cards to Starbucks or Chipotle preferred)

PTO THEME for the Year: "Many hands make light work." 98 responses in total for interested/perspective volunteers

Variety Show update: DATE CHANGE from November to February 28th, 2020 *still need a chair for this event

PTO Communication:

Eblasts: Sarah Peto (allow for a 24 hr. period)

Weekly Link: Kate Gilmartin (submit by Sunday evening)

Facebook posts: Email Stacey Ponczek or Jami Buttron anytime

Website: Email Kate Gilmartin anytime

President Report (Stacey Ponczek):

Volunteer Survey Results: 98 responses

School Improvement Gifts: Blackout curtains and light covers for classrooms and new basketball backboards

PTO Closet Makeover: Art Awareness supplies are reorganized for volunteers

Treasurer Report (Ramya Tallarovic/Becki Sand):

Annual Budget Approval: Rec. Balance ends on 7/31

Primary account: \$5089.75

Secondary account: \$60,541.91

Gurrie Gift Donation: Spring will donate to Gurrie grant Ex: Winter Raffle

Katie Pooler and Andrea Crowe mentioned Gurrie received \$1800 the previous year from SPTO; library furniture was purchased with this donation.

With this year's donation, Gurrie is hoping to allow teachers to apply for a Gurrie Classroom Grant and Gurrie hopes to purchase for Makerspace and STEM items (sewing machines)

New Advisory Committee: JESSICA Eterno is the District PTO president (all schools included in this umbrella)

Spring should be reporting its own Advisory Committee to file non-profit tax returns (990)

Most importantly, Spring PTO employs individuals through After 3 program (W-9 forms)

Treasurers are certified and need to report all of the above (Ramya will work with Becki as her position on the PTO transitions)

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Heidi Brock VP Ways and Means:

Adult ASocial will be at LGCC on January 31, 2020

First FLYing High night will be on October 11, 2019

School Spirit deadline was September 9, 2019

Box Tops deadline is October 29, 2019 *box tops are now going digital

Trivia Night will be on April 3, 2020

Book Fair

Jami Buttron First VP:

Garden Club (Ali Green)

School Pictures

School Spirit closed Oct.--it will reopen for the holidays (6th graders consider buying Gurrie wear)

Directory (Elizabeth Badrov) is at the printer

Library Learning Center (Amy Rosckes) always needs volunteers--slots are 30-60 min.

Run Club still needs a chair. It will not happen this fall but will run this spring--parent volunteers are needed.

Halloween Class Parties and Parade: wear costumes before event starts and as always, no food

Lori Cassidy: VP Programs:

After 3 (Michelle Michelini); Holiday classes will run Dec. 9-20

ONCE CHANGE THIS YEAR: PARENTS must notify AFTER 3 Program if their child will be absent

Art Awareness (Ali Green)

Fall Fest (9/20)

Fun Lunch (10/18 is the first fun lunch--Jimmy John will be the vendor)

First 5th/6th grade Sock Hop will be on 10/18

Variety Show (2/28/20) still needs a chair.

Secretary Report, Virginia Kogen:

Secretary read thank you notes from staff regarding the black out curtains and light covers in the classroom. She also read a thank you note from one of the D105 Scholarship winners. Liz

Carolan and Michelle Sanchez are the D105 Scholarship Chairs. High school students submit essays and get picked by this committee.

New Committee: District Meeting Communicator

Maureen Bresnahan will report School Board business to the Spring PTO

Ms. Bresnahan mentioned enrollment was stable.

New writing curriculum was selected by district.

Ms. Hoffenberg asked for gender data in Math.

Ms. Kogen asked for a summary of all Math PD on 2:15 dismissal days.