

Grover Cleveland PTSA
Meeting February 6, 2017

Meeting commenced at 6:18 pm

Michelle Komisarski welcomed everyone and read our Mission Statement.

Review of January 2017 minutes. Motion to accept was made by Becky Bogle, seconded by Kristy Boutwell. Motion passed.

Principal Report – Michelle Fiorelli

- Currently have 614 students.
- Reminder - please do not drop students off at school until 7:45AM as that is when the doors open. There are students being dropped off as early as 7:15AM waiting in the rain, cold and snow.
- Please do not pull into the bus lane to drop off students. There have been days that the buses cannot pull into the bus lane due to parents being parked forcing the bus drivers to stop on 38th street blocking traffic.
- Weather emergencies/school closings will be announced on the district website and media outlets. Parents are allowed to keep students home at their discretion if they feel the weather or conditions are too hazardous for the student to come to school. Normally a parent need just send in a note with the child stating they were not in school at parental discretion. Please see the district website for further explanation.
- No new updates on our district financial situation. Still waiting to hear back from Harrisburg about our financial recovery plan.
- Welcome to our new librarian - Maridene Adams

Teacher Report – Doug Owens

- Suggested having the Title I meeting for 30 minutes prior to next PTSA meeting on March 7, 2017. Was agreed this was a good idea D. Owens will send reminder.
- Leapfrog Leapin' Leprechauns coming up on March 17, 2017.
- Becky Bogle indicated there are still outstanding checks from the teacher's allotment from Fall 2016. Kariann Ray suggested that next year instead of checks we give the teacher cash for their allotments and they can hand in their receipts as they spend. Doug Owens said he would speak to the teachers and get their thoughts regarding.

Treasurer Report – Kelly Heberle

- Balance as of February 6, 2017 is \$14,125.53.
- Kelly Heberle, Becky Bogle, and Diane Hefner went to Northwest and updated the signature card for our account.

Staying Informed - Michelle Komisarski

Although unable to attend, Michelle watched the 2/1/17 School Board meeting online and learned the following:

- As we all know, Superintendent Badams took a new job and is leaving the district as of June 30th
 - Brian Polito our current CFO was voted in as the new Superintendent by the school board.

- There was some community pushback regarding voting in a new superintendent so quickly and doing so internally without publishing nationally for the position.
- It was discussed that promoting within has been done in the past and the decision was made not to publish the position nationally due to the need for continuity especially given the current situation with the school district and funding. If our plan is approved by the State, then we must follow the plan to the letter and as Brian Polito helped write the plan he is the person most knowledgeable to help follow.
- Mr. Polito is also well connected in Harrisburg and will continue to work with transparency moving forward.
- Additionally, it would take up to a year to bring someone new up to speed on the entire situation and that is time we do not have.
- In the end, it was a unanimous vote to appoint Brian Polito as the new superintendent
- It was also discussed that the National Immigration Law will impact our area as we are a "Refugee Resettlement County" which means undocumented immigrants are safe in the City/County.

PTSA Events

- Family Nights - Kristin Sinnott
 - Having difficulty getting local manager of Papa John's to return calls regarding our profit from spirit night. Will move forward with contacting head office regarding.
 - Has ideas for possibly doing Chipotle, Little Caesars, McDonalds or another painting or skating.
 - Becky Bogle suggested Flippin Fitness although it is in Harborcreek or possibly Premier Sports or a YMCA family swim.
- Movie Night - January 19th - Karla Cornwell
 - Karla Cornwell covered for Becky as Becky was ill.
 - Heard no issues from kitchen staff regarding our use.
 - We will ask for approval before next event if we can use sinks to cool drinks (using water and ice).
 - Only complaint from parents was the \$3 for the walking taco as being too expensive. Discussed that next time we will leave price at \$3 but add a drink to make a meal, since walking tacos may be an option at the upcoming Cougar Carnival.
- Purse Bingo - Michelle Komisarski and Kelly Heberle
 - We are SOLD OUT for February 11, 2017. This means we are in the black for event even before it happens.
 - We still have interest in tickets. If anyone can now not go, please advise and we will refund money.
 - We have 18 purses (17 to be used for bingo and 1 to raffle off separately).
 - Will be doing some side auctions and selling of candy and such.
- Cougar Carnival - Becky Bogle
 - Will be getting bouncers from Brad's; will be paying for soon.
 - Working on getting quotes for menu; may do the walking tacos
 - Will check with church to see if they will be donating prizes again this year.
 - Will discuss at next meeting if we should push back time of carnival and do an outdoor movie night after carnival.
- Leapin' Leprechauns - Becky Bogle
 - In process of ordering bracelets and stickers to pass out to all students
 - Preparing flyer to go home, to include request for donated baked goods.

Reflections - Michelle Komisarski for Sarah C

- We had a winner in visual arts, Alexandra Reinfest, go to County
- There will be a dinner and ceremony on March 1, 2017 to announce winners.
- We will need a gift basket to donate for the auction.

Memberships - Kristy Boutwell

- The new flyers regarding the pizza party are printed will be going home on February 9th.
- Becky Bogle and Annette Payne volunteered to help with the planning/execution of the pizza party.

Cougarwear – Kristy Boutwell

- Additional order forms will be sent home on February 9th.

Old Business

- Corporate Sponsors - Becky Bogle
 - Becky is finalizing the letters and just needs to handwrite the envelopes.
 - Asked Michelle K. and Kelly H. for a list of places who have already donated items so she doesn't send them the letter.
- Multicultural Night - Karla Cornwell
 - Karla cannot find the laminated posters that Mrs. Daubenspeck lent us.
 - She also cannot find the passports and the box with the key chains.
 - Michelle Komisarski said she will check the bag she had that night and we will also look in closet on the higher shelves that Karla was unable to get to.
 - **Good News the above posters, passports and keychains were found by Maridene Adams while cleaning the library. Thank you Maridene!**
 - Becky Bogle also looked into submitting a Multi Cultural presentation at the National Convention. She believes they require it to be a 75 minute presentation. The 15 minute presentation is the submission to 'qualify' to present. She decided to forgo as we would not have enough for such a long presentation.
- Popcorn Machine - Becky Bogle
 - Becky found a commercial popcorn machine for \$140. Short discussion regarding purchasing. After reviewing the budget, a motion was made by Kelly Heberle to purchase, seconded by Kariann Ray. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Kelly Heberle, seconded by Kristy Boutwell. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next PTSA meeting will Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:15pm.

Submitted by,

Diane Hefner