

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023

Present: Jennifer O'Leary, Kate Bedard, Danielle Rabideau, Jim Conway, Fran Coccozza, Summer Steves, Siobhan Wright

Meeting Began at 6:01 p.m.

Treasurer Report

The bank account is currently at \$13,270.44. Since the previous meeting, spending has included pre-winter break supplies orders for both the Elementary School and the Jr.-Sr. High School and partial deposits from AirBand. We have earmarked about \$4,000 for upcoming author visits to the Elementary School.

Air Band

Thanks to the hard work of Monica Mondella and Nikki Nastke, Air Band raised an unprecedented \$2,800 for the 6th Grade Class. A huge thank you to them for all of their hard work.

Career Night

We currently have 23 professionals signed up to participate in Career Night on March 21. We're looking forward to our first annual event.

Bus Driver Appreciation

The bus drivers were very appreciative of the coffee, donuts and student cards that were delivered to the bus garage last week.

Author Visits

There is currently a 3rd-6th grade author scheduled to visit this year. Bridget Crossman is currently searching for a K-2 author to visit as well.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

May 2 will be the luncheon held at each school. This year will be providing a taco bar from Moe's.

Golf Tournament

We're still waiting on which course we're going to use but the date is still May 13. There will be more information on that early next month.

Looking for Board Positions and Cabinet Parent Positions for Next School Year

At this time, the Board President position will be available for interested parents for the coming 2023-2024 school year, as Summer and Jenn will be retiring from the position at the end of this year. Other available Board positions will be announced at our next meeting in May, which will be this year's last meeting.

Cabinet meets once a month and once over the summer to discuss decision making in the building. It's a very important group and there are very important discussions. There is one more available spot for next year. If anyone is interested, reach out to Summer at ptsolgwarrrior@gmail.com.

ES Principal & Cabinet Report - Jim Conway

We had our recent Math Night in February and we love having our families in the building. Thank you to all families that participated in that. We had our PARP kick-off today, which will go on for the rest of the month. Battle of the Books is coming up on March 15. It's a challenging event and the kids do a great job coming together as a team. They're always very supportive of each other and they usually do very well. March 17 is a Staff Development Day. It's an opportunity for K-12 staff to come together. Our kids are doing science investigations and part of our staff development will touch upon what our staff needs to know to facilitate those investigations.

We're very excited that BHSN (Behavioral Health Services North) will provide services within the district (HS every Tuesday and ES every Wednesday) to make it more convenient for our families to take advantage of their health services.

To provide clarity regarding the change in our 6th Grade Boston Trip plans, there was a dramatically large difference in what was budgeted for the trip and what the actual costs were going to be. If we don't have money in Student Accounts to pull from to offset this difference, we are unable to offer the trip unless we charge families an exorbitant amount. There have been discussions for several years about the sustainability of this trip as travel costs continue to rise. At this time, we'll be going in a different direction. Instead of that one trip, 6th grade has a number of other trips planned. They already visited Sage College for a play. They have plans to go to the Schenectady Science Museum, Usher Park, and YMCA Silver Bay Retreat this year.

HS Principal & Forum Report - Fran Coccozza

The robotics team is competing at Syracuse this weekend at the state level. In a ceremony coming up on Friday, March 24 there will be 30 individuals naturalized before a judge who was a Lake George alumnus. This ceremony normally occurs in a court but because we have a relationship with this judge, we've done it here in the past.

Thursday, March 30 is a Career Fair at the high school. Companies will come and hire our students for summer employment. The 7th and 8th graders, who are unable to work yet, will have activities to do to get them involved in this event. Hadley-Luzerne, Warrensburg and Bolton schools will also come to participate in this event as well.

Along with Superintendent Lutheringer, we have been working with student leaders to discuss the mascot for the district. Per state regulation, we are unable to utilize Native American imagery any longer. It is currently up for debate whether or not we can retain the Warrior name. The students want to keep the Warrior mascot but we don't know yet if we'll be allowed to do

that. The interlocking LG has been in use since 1905 and the Native American imagery used throughout the years has changed almost every year, so we're not sure if we even need a mascot.

Additional Comments

Kate Bedard: For Career Night, some families felt that a request should have gone out to the community when searching for professionals to participate. There were several families who were offended that they were not asked or who felt excluded. Going forward, the community should be notified to recruit participating professionals.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.