

## **PTA meeting November 7, 2019**

Attendees: Kathy Cawley, Sarah Ericksen, Tracie DiGiacomo, Leslie Blake, Amy Magrini, Betsy Patterson, Catherine Smith, Wendy Czika, Mr. Jones, Ms. McCollum, and Ms. Peoples

### Principal Update:

Mr. Jones gave a school update. Today is picture retake day. Movie on the lawn (scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>) is going to be moved inside to the gym because the weather is supposed to be cold. Food trucks will be outdoors. Coach Thames and Patil will manage the music. Mr. Schlecta is bringing the film, Aladdin (128 min). The PTA will sell water, candy bars, etc. and use the additional funds to pay for the event next year. Kathy will come around 4:15 pm to set up.

Report cards will go out tomorrow. Additional math and science positions are available, which would reduce the size of math and science classes in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Professional development on equity leadership. To increase equitable across the classes. Lenses that teachers may have when evaluating the students. Ms. Peoples and Ms. McCollum are leading this effort. Race is part of the discussion, LGBTQ and how they are included in the school. Mid-January so this will allow books to be ordered.

### PTA meeting update:

Campus clean-up was Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Patil had Lowe's donate some trashbags and grabbers, etc. to the school. The student leadership gave feedback that they can set an example and pick up the trash they see. Football team did a clean up on the field.

Mr. James is holding quarterly lunches with the student leadership. Issues that were discussed included: there is no separation between urinals, they were not aware of the soda machine was on a timer which does not allow sodas to be sold during the school day.

Halloween dance was a success. Thursday teacher luncheon was a success. Lots of people donated. Jimmy Johns provided sandwiches.

The PTA needs a date for Screenagers in March.

Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> is a board advisory Council for district 9. The Superintendent will be speaking. Open to public.

The PTA has 293 members despite having fewer students.

Imps in Need received \$400 in donations. The account for those who need JR to have an account to make sure lunch is provided for those who need it.

MTAC committee and the reps for Western Wake County attended the meeting. Great resource for staff. MTAC will assess what the teachers (PLT, and whole school) need and can do. They will set up a Google calendar and assist with all activities. Making it easier for parents to access

the teacher websites. NC Ties – previously, we have sent 5 people to the two-day workshop (\$160/each). The requirement for those that attend, will be to present their experience to fellow teachers and staff.

Student planners/ agendas were paid for by the school and they are requesting if we could help defer the cost of the agendas (\$5,000). If the PTA can sell the ad space for the agendas. 32 free pages, added student handbook, positive traits, etc.

Refresh day to do team-building, etc. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade to bring them back to refresh on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Other people matter.

PTA will be needing to recruit additional parents for the PTA Board.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4, 2019.