



RIJMS PTO

Monday, September 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:00pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of April meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion; Andrea Parr seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report the Treasurer, Kathy Gruber shared the Treasurer's report. The school is just starting so we still have money coming in, mainly Membership money. We also have fundraising money from last year that just came in. We are paying out for the school's gifts and Rachel's Challenge; ink and our CAPE dues are due. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared the proposed budget for the 2018-19 year and as the members to review it. Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion to approve the budget; Julie Steben seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the budget was passed.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski was very happy to have so many PTO members at the meeting. He shared there was the "A.L.I.C.E" presentation training last week by the district and the police. ALICE stands for "Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate". We went through all the classrooms with the administration and the police to talk to the students about the procedures. The students did a great job. There is an FBI Agent coming tomorrow to talk to the students about "911"; this presentation has been approved by the FBI to present to our students, most of whom weren't born yet. This Friday 9/14 will be our first middle school dance, it is from 5-7pm, 90's theme. There is a SIP day (school improvement day) on Monday 9/17, the kids will be out at noon; no lunches are served that day at the middle school. We will be kicking off our one and only PTO fundraiser; the magazine drive. There are more than magazines; there tumblers and candy and lots of cool incentives. That information will go home on Monday. The 7th grade students will be going on the Outdoor Education trip 9/25 or 9/26; depending on who their Science teacher is. The PTO helps to pay for the food on the trip. The PTO also sponsors scholarships to pay for the students who can't afford to go, along with the Foundation For Excellence; who pays for \$4/student. On 9/24 will be the Rachels Challenge presentation; there will be two presentations on promoting love and kindness. And then on the evenings of 9/25 & 9/27 there are Parent nights; one at PEHS & one at PCHS. Students IReady scores are going home this week. PARCC scores going home next week. Friday 9/14 marks the midterm of the semester. Midterm information will go out next week. There was a question regarding the Art meeting coinciding with the Student Council on Friday, that conflicts with decorating for the dance. Mr. Novinski recommended the students talk to Mr. Niwa to determine the appropriate balance.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Jen McManaman President, shared there is no report. Lorrie Walker our chair was present. Mr. Novinski did share that Mrs. Lucas will eventually meet with Lorrie Walker later in the semester and work on next steps.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the CAPE report. Not too much happened because it's the very beginning of the school year. The district wants to make sure the schools have insurance when things are planned at the school, district hot on technology; Food trucks will need permits to sell food on or to be open the school property. A permit is also needed if, for example, Culver's or McDonalds came in and sold on school property. CAPE will be compiling a list for schools to reference regarding the permits. On Thursday 9/13 at 6:30 pm at PNHS there will be a presentation on the Overscheduled student; "Overscheduled Students (and Frazzled Parents) – Preparing Child for a Competitive World Without Losing Your Sanity", one can go

online to watch. CAPE is planning a CAPE Vendor and Craft fair. Each year one to two students from every high school will be awarded with a \$500 scholarship.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Draper's report. On 10/29 there will be a Family Dinner Night at Buffalo Wild Wings; more information to come.

Hospitality: Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie Steben, the Vice President provided an overview on how hospitality is provided at Ira Jones. This year we hosted a lunch the first Monday before school started for the teachers; prior to Locker Move in. We served about eighty. The next meal will be "Grab n Go" dinner the night of Parent/Teacher Conferences on 11/5. There will be also be a holiday luncheon. We will be serving the Friday before winter break on 12/21 for the teachers and staff. In an effort, to keep costs down, we do request donations for the luncheons, for instance a case of water or desserts or chips. The final thing that Hospitality does is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in early May. A week-long menu of meals. We host four lunches and one morning we bring in breakfast. It was expressed that volunteers are always welcomed. And it was shared how we contact the members and request donations and volunteers.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Chrissy Jenks report. Currently we have 101 parents & 77 staff who have joined the PTO. And we had another envelope of more membership forms to add. We are over our projected number of members.

Spirit Wear: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Allison Jordan's report. Jennifer McManaman, the President followed up on an issue from last year. Apparently, Eich's didn't realize one of our sales from last year was supposed to be fundraiser for Ira Jones, not just us selling school spirit wear.

Volunteer Coordinator- Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Kelly Conlon-Hockman report.

School Store is up and running. We set up Sign Up Genius and sent it to PTO members for them to sign up and volunteer and we posted it on facebook as well. It filled up relatively fast. We were also able to get eleven Student Council volunteers; we were hoping for ten.

Student Council: Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared there is a school dance on 9/14.

Book Fair: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Kelly Conlon-Hockman's report. The Book Fair will be in November; it coincides with conferences.

Pride Incentives- Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared the status on PRIDE Incentives. We've had one so far. The committee is still meeting and once we have more information we will request parent volunteers. We will have parent volunteers hand out candy, cupcakes during the lunch hour.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: No report.

Old Business

From September '17 minutes. Mrs. Domabyl requested the PTO purchase picnic tables for the teachers, so they may sit outside during lunch time. There is a need for possibly two tables. Mr. Novinski shared the tables out front cost approximately \$900. Also, they will need to be attached because there is the fear of loss. In the past, nice items like these can get taken. PTO will review this request and work toward it. It was also suggested we reach out to the male and female Scout groups as they are often looking to complete projects, for instance build tables. We will also follow up with parents to gauge interest.

New Business: Jennifer MacManaman, the President shared there was a request to change the PTO meeting start time to 6:30 as some board members had a hard time getting here. Everyone agreed to the new start time.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 15, 2018

Upcoming Events:

9/14 Back to School Dance 5-7pm

9/25 Rachels Challenge Community Event 6:30pm

At PEHS OR 9/27 6:30PM PCHS

9/28 PNHS Homecoming Game 7pm

10/2 Picture Retakes

10/6 Plainfield Homecoming Parade

Meeting adjourned 6:25pm.