



SEPTEMBER PTO MEETING MINUTES

Briggs Middle School Library

Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Mather, Alicia Whittlesey, Mike Heckard, Joann Pansay, Diana Michna, Shelley Nelson, Darla Robbins, Jessica Walker, Jennifer Paugh & Shawna Bazan

- 1) Discussed new officers – President Jessica Walker & Vice President Darla Robbins and appointed Jennifer Paugh as PTO Secretary to perform meeting minutes.
- 2) Principal Update
 - a. Opening week of school was much smoother and calmer this year.
 - b. There is another good group of Web Leaders coming in to help out this year.
 - c. New math curriculum “iReady” is online based for K-8 Springfield students. Homework will be sent in the form of worksheets. The program adjusts to student capabilities and needs.
 - d. Staffing changes – New Assistant Principal this year From Gateway’s and Lisa Haley transitioned into Gateway’s. Colin Farmsworth is a new 7th/8th grade teacher.
 - e. Laura Scrugs replaced Harshbarger in 8th grade.
 - f. We are fully staffed for PE now but there is no longer a FACS/HomeEc elective.
- 3) Treasurer Update – Diana Michna
 - a. Diana will not be able to be a fully functional Treasurer and is looking for someone to step into the roll while she can reconcile statements and do some work on the back-end.
 - b. Travel Club and PTO will be more separate this year.
 - c. The proposed budget is typically around \$5,000. We usually have 2-3 fundraisers with our largest fundraiser being BINGO night. Last year we added some raffle baskets to Family Fun night and made another few hundred dollars.
 - d. No dues this year so everyone is a member. The raffle baskets at Family Fun night should make up for that loss.
 - e. We have carry over from last budget of around \$2,100.
 - f. At the end of last year we purchased chair cushions and sandwich boards. We are encouraging grade groups to come in and take advantage of purchasing larger items that can be used across the board.
 - g. Would like to add money for the “resource room” and for “Classified Staff” appreciation.
 - h. Jessica made a motion to approve the budget and Jennifer seconded the motion. All attendees were in agreement and the budget was approved.
- 4) Back to school night
 - a. Volunteers will begin arriving after school and hope to have the majority of them by 4:00pm. Some volunteers noted they could not arrive until after 5:00.
 - b. Need to coordinate Web Leaders with Kathy McCumsey to have them arrive by 5:00.
 - c. Shawna & Jessica may have some Igloo coolers they can bring. Last year’s coolers leaked.
 - d. The night typically has around 350 people attending.
 - e. Changes this year – we will have the presentation in the wood gym at 5:30 then release the students and families for food and meet the teacher. That may give teachers a bit more time to meet parents and give busy parents the option of skipping the meal. Food service to begin at 5:45.
- 5) Looking to share information with the school’s volunteer forms and the PTO volunteer list. We are looking for more volunteers to help out at Student Socials. Possibly 6 – 12 volunteers.
- 6) NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3rd @ 6PM. All attendees agreed to try and keep the meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.