

PTO MEETING MAY 24, 2016

1. *Call to Order* - 1:55pm
2. *Approval of Minutes* - Pending due to low attendance
3. *President / President Election Report* - Trista Negele attended the PTO President's Meeting earlier in the month where there were discussions on the following topics
 - Hinsdale Middle School Referendum
 - New Administrators
 - PARC Testing
 - Teacher Supply Allowance - \$200 at most elementary school and \$20 at HMS>
4. *Principal's Report* - Ms. Considine extended a special thank you to Trista for stepping up to lead the PTO this year, as the President Elect.
5. *Officer / Committee Reports*
 - Spring Fundraiser - Jacqueline Parillo announced that there were about 140 attendees at the event. All but 2 of the auction items sold via the online bidding. The event raised approximately \$26,000. She extended a big thank you to all those who stepped up to help with the event.
 - SELAS - Alisa Messana passed out an article from *The Hinsdalean* that was about "The Parent List". This is a list of mental health providers that is manned by Hinsdale Central High School. The hope is that the list will eventually be shared with HMS and all Elementary Schools. Trista said that this article was discussed at a previous PTO President's Meeting. At that time, there were some concerns about disclaimers. Alisa wanted to know if ELM wanted to be one of the first schools to have access to the list. CHMS is currently using it. Alisa asked Ms. Considine to check with Dr. White regarding the disclaimer issue. Ms. Considine said that she thought there was a need and would follow up with Dr. White and CHMS in order to make a decision.
 - VP Ways & Means - Dawn Wood announced that fundraising is winding down. There is a Box Tops collection taking place through June 2nd.
 - Mrs. Berry announced that students will be allowed to check out books over the summer months, if all their current library books have been returned. She also is getting ready to roll out the Elm School March Madness 2017 Program and shared some of the details of this. More details will be sent home in student's report cards.
6. *Elections* - The proposed slate was discussed as follows:
 - President - Trista Negele
 - President Elect - Dawn Wood
 - Treasurer - Bhavani Ravi
 - Treasurer Elect - Jen Donnan
 - VP Ways & Means - currently vacant
 - VP Technology - Erin Doppke
 - VP Room Parents/Volunteers - Gopi Ahuja

- VP Programs/SELAS - Alisa Messana & Julie Bryant
- Secretary - Jacqueline Parillo & Erin Golon

There was an extensive discussion that took place in regards to the vacancy of the VP Ways and Means position. The PTO is looking for parents new parents to get involved with the Spring Fundraiser. Dawn mentioned a possible Spring Family Cultural Event that she would plan if no one steps up. Jacqueline suggested a possible carnival themed event for kids that would take place at school. One of these ideas, along with the auctioning of baskets and teacher items could be a good way to bring in some funds.

There was also a discussion on the role of the Secretary and how that person might be able to take on a bit more, with Mrs. Sharkey's retirement coming up.

Trista asked if there were any nominations from the floor to be added to the slate and there were no additions or discussion. A vote was taken on PTO Officers for the 2016-2017 School Year and the slate stands.

7. *Treasurer's Report* - Jen Donnan passed out the financials to date for review.

- Ms. Considine mentioned that Mrs. Taylor will be submitting for 1st Grade Paint Materials and this should be taken from Kid's Care Club.
- Ms. Considine also mentioned that Mrs. Taylor will be submitting an invoice for her stipend.
- Trista asked that we allow a carry over of \$300 from the Principal's Fund from this year to the 2016-2017 school year in order to fund the Eco Club.
- 2016-2017 Budget Comments were mostly focused on the fact that there needs to be a commitment from the PTO as to how they will handle requests from parents who come forward looking for PTO financial support for clubs and programs they want to start at ELM. Examples of these types of clubs and programs include Destination Imagination and Lego Challenge. Trista voiced a concern about where to draw the line on these requests and suggested we might want to table these requests until next year in order to conduct a complete discussion on the issues with all the necessary parties involved. After further discussion, it was concluded that there needs to be a protocol established that will suggest parents are all given equal consideration based on the budget and financials for that particular year.
- Jen Donnan mentioned that there were some comments made about how exactly Angel Care is used. Trista gave some history.
- Vote was taken on Budget. Dawn Wood made a motion to approve the budget. Alisa Messana seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

8. *Faculty Report* - Took place during Committee Reports

9. *Old/New Business* - Final Meeting on June 7th at 8:45am.

10. *Adjourn* - 2:59pm

Meeting attendees included:

Trista Negele, Jeanna Considine, Jill Berry, Alisa Messana, Jacqueline Parillo, Jen Donnan, Dawn Wood, Erin Golon, Kelly Milne, Leila Shahbandar