

**Turkey Hill School PTO
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th, 2017**

Attendees: Denise Arterbery, Samantha Spash, Carrie Sanz, Aimee Luddy, Jeanine Capecelatro, Monika Corcoran, Jen Kuzmickas, Cindy Visnic, Sheri Morrison, Michelle and Jay Reichelsheimer, Jen Hayes, Amy Richo, Deb Sansone, Kyle Ryan, Casey Castillo, Heidi Moriarty, Lisa Delo, Lisa Opert, Melissa Cardito

Meeting called to order @ 7pm

Treasurers' Report: Jeanine Capecelatro

- reviewed budget
- art fair and AV- money is kept and not included in budget
- motion to approve
- budget approved unanimously by PTO board
- Jen K to receive scholastic dollars
- Jaime Hulley fund basket was well received
- Sheri- book fair deposit was \$1190.31
- Art fair money- being used to purchase ipads

Principal's Report: Denise Arterbery

- 4,5,6 grades got to try different instruments
- appropriate behaviors were discussed with students using a picture book
- Testing (math, reading, writing) has been going on the past week which is wrapping up
- Open house went very well. Video was successful. Kids and parents enjoyed it.
- Writing workshop for teachers from Columbia University staff
- 3rd and 5th will be taking Naglieri testing for the leap program.
- THS has a new Dare officer.
- Project Teach- body safety
- With in next week smarter balance testing will be coming home.
- Survey sent out for student council as an eblast
- There was a lock down 9/11 due to a threat in the school neighborhood; students did well. There are areas that need to be improved upon during a lockdown.
- Mrs. Arterbery met w/ superintendent and Orange police department to address areas.
- A parent was concerned about safety due to juvenile's (person of interest) residence being so close to school.
- We won't know what has happened to juvenile due to privacy laws.
- School has a routine, cameras, public school have more security than private schools.
- An email was sent out notifying parent of lock down
- Suggestion made to institute a text alert that can go out to families rather than email blast.

- MLT has text, phone call for emergencies.

PTO Council Update: Cindy Visnic/Carrie Sanz

- There are new student council leaders.
- Including new grades.
- Disaster relief ideas, week long celebrations, acts of kindness, etc.
- Students will have an advisor
- PR committee

Discussion:

- Ukuleles for 5th and 6th grade Mr. Ryan-
- Goal: Graduating 6th graders as musicians
- Great size for kids
- Mr. Ryan talked to PTO over the summer.
- Ukuleles to be kept at home.
- \$50.00 per ukulele, \$47.00 when purchased in bulk.
- \$3400.00 cost to purchase enough for every child (5th and 6th grade)
- Instrument to be loaned 2 years with option to purchase at end of 6th grade.
- Lessons will be available on Tuesdays during drama.
- Ukulele concert to happen at drama show.
- Mr. Ryan will have Ukulele night, parents would bring in agreement and Mr. Ryan would give a presentation on care of instrument.
- Would it be an issue with band/orchestra?
- \$3983.00 in drama account which is enough to cover ukulele purchase
- Motion made to purchase ukuleles for 5th and 6th grade students
- Purchase approved unanimously by PTO board
- drama club will fund purchase of Ukuleles
- drama club will no longer have field trip

Drama Club: Deb Sansone

- Deb will email parents once registrations are complete.
- Songs, casting will be done.
- characters will be explained.
- new questions for students to answer on registration...dance or play an instrument?
- Deb is writing the play/script herself.
- Toy Town (name of play) characters are toys.
- Music- Mr. Ryan is going to come in on Tuesdays and work w/ students teaching them songs.
- Pit orchestra of ukuleles.
- Asking if students want to just play an instrument in the show.
- Deb- will fill out building use forms for drama.

Hurricane efforts:

-Denise Arterbery

- Fundraiser-former THS family living in FL lost car, belonging and home was flooded.
- THS will have a PJ day and donation day.
- Reaching out to Middle School also

Cultural Arts Ideas- Carrie Sanz spoke to Daniel Dwyer from QU to discuss programs.

A Chair is needed!

- An Expedition to Remember is the event (dancing, food, games)
- Enrichment programs (ie: African drummers)

Committee Chairs needed-

- 6th grade committee chair
- Script cards, possibly to be done on line-Sheri Morrison volunteered
- We will advertise chair positions again in Gobbler
- Descriptions of chairs are in virtual backpack

Fundraising committee- chair needed!

- Shoprite: Scan card portion of points go to THS, 39,000 points which were used to order board games, outdoor /indoor toys
- Room parents to reach out and get card numbers and Sheri can enter numbers into program, Cindy Visnic offered to help.
- Amazon smile needs to go into the gobbler

AV & Roving Reporter

Update-Jen, Monika, Cindy & Carrie

- Volunteers needed on Fridays from 8:20-8:40 for words of wisdom.
- Jen Hayes will ask room parents. Grandparents are welcome!
- Put in Gobbler to watch broadcast at home.

Poster Maker-

- ink , drama club usually purchases. Jen K orders ink.

Save Around Town Fundraiser- Cindy Visnic

- Will check on sales

Discussed- raise craze fundraiser, random acts of kindness. Student makes a pledge to do acts of kindness and someone sponsors them.

Picture Day (October 12th)-

Sheri Morrison

- THS is using Life Touch , they will also help with yearbook.

Bishops Pie fundraiser

- October 16th to 27th

Halloween Hoot (October 27th)-Aimee Luddy

- Event will take from 7-9pm, Star Factory DJ -donated by Luddy family, Hayride provided by Maryellen Holden
- Photo booth- donated by the Visnic Family
- We will be asking families to sponsor the photo booth and DJ
- Silent auction is new this year. We are looking for local donations. So far Star Factory, Sunflower farm (donating 200 pumpkins for decorating and a raffle basket. Maryellen Holden was asked to donate. Waiting to hear back.
- Monika Corcoran organizing auctions for teachers who will be donating their time with the students!
- Cake Walk
- Fortune Teller-Jen Hayes?
- Games- Monika Corcoran
- Families looking for donations for silent auctions
- Ideas for silent auction- Family pack for yearly THS events ,police car ride

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm