

September 2018 PTO Meeting Minutes

Budget and Financial Update:

Chrissy Harrison and Eleni Glerum

Vote on Treasurer Elect Position: Treasurer-elect position approved: Lin Rao received unanimous approval to serve in this role.

May and June minutes approved

School Board Update:

Erica Allenburg

- New math material for secondary schools; phased in approach for programming
- New Pre AP 10 programming; more writing and varied reading topics
- School Board goals established & approved for the year:
 - School metrics/measurements
 - Intervention program
 - Communication board group established
 - Goals of personalized learning
 - Legislative community group established
- Dress code being updated & changed to be gender neutral
- Budget & process explanation:
 - Bond \$ only for building purposes only
 - State sets budget of \$6K/pupil
 - Legislature sets a limit on the \$ of a levy at \$2K/student
 - 85% of operating funds go to teacher salaries

Principal Update:

Andy Beaton

- Teachers feel good; building is clean and ready for students
- Added back some instruction time by shortening the passing time between classes
- Advisory shortened slightly and flex block moved to end of the day
- 88% passing rate for AP tests
- Writing & content a focus in all classes
- A couple additional updates provided
 - Retake policy
 - Summative – students can do 1/summative assessment, but must also do some extra work prior to the retake
 - Can only get 75% on the retake test
 - Virtual Sub
 - Partly a budget savings to do this process
 - Schools spend \$90K on subs; trying to save \$20K-\$30K with this process
 - Attendance is completion of the work; area students meet is supervised; there is planned work by the teacher for students to complete
 - Teacher training will happen for this program
 - Coffee with Principal
 - Principal “chats” (or whatever the new name becomes) sign-ups will be going out
 - Move PTO coffee dates to more parent involvement day (not a volunteer day); forum and classroom experience is the idea
 - Trying this idea with the 10/3 coffee event
 - Travel study fund:
 - Does the PTO want to help fund or house this fund for school?
 - Likely move to more of an Ed Fund being the “bank” for it vs. the PTO
 - Security Update:
 - West wing now has automatic electronic locks

Get Connected Day Update:

Lisa Boss and Kathy Nelson

- Day went off well; lots of notes about/for next year
- School needs to figure out the schedule hand out process; long lines!
- Senior check-in door to change for next year

Marketing and Communications:

Judy Brenner

- She is working on updating and revising the PTO website
- She has asked all of the PTO Board Members to check to make sure that their contact information is correct
- In addition, she is updating the PTO calendar on the website; she has a mock up of the PTO newsletter which she plans to send out at a minimum quarterly through both EHS and through My School Anywhere
- She has asked for members to contact her with ideas for the newsletter
- In addition, she would like everyone to take pictures at events to include

Hospitality:

Angella McGarvey

- She will organize the October 3rd - Coffee with Principal and the October 11th - dinner for teachers during conferences
- In order to keep the PTO abreast of hospitality dates, Angella plans to post all of the known dates for events ahead of time so the PTO members can help, as needed

Grants:

Betsy Pfeifer

- A number of approved grants from 2017-2018 still need to be funded. We are just waiting for the teacher request

Membership:

Kerrie Hecker

- The increase in PTO dues from \$35 to \$40 had little impact on membership numbers
- The PTO currently has approximately 750 member families and \$31,000
- The switch to My School Anywhere last year helped generate membership before Get Connected Day. (We estimate that we had \$20,000 or 500 families register before GTC.) Although we expect to have a few more members, most registrations come by the start of school
- The student directory can be easily accessed now by using My School Anywhere. The My School Anywhere directory will reflect the official student registration sometime in early October

EHS Parent Handbook:

Cheryl Dulas

- She is waiting for several more dates before uploading to the website
- Tony and Kathryn agreed to proof the final document

Upcoming Events – Coffee with the Principal, October 3rd