

WALKER SCHOOL GENERAL PTO MEETING 9-22-14

I. Call to Order

ATTENDEES:

Eric Chisausky - Principal
Tracy Korbus - Co-President
Anne Deis - Co-President
Dyan Ruth - Co-Vice President
Margaret Chung - Treasurer
Courtney Stach - Secretary
Carolyn Mannarino - Communications

GUESTS

Jason Elk -
Nancy Koschik -
Jill Levin -
Kelly Smith - Clarendon Hills Park District, Superintendent of Recreation

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes - 09-08-14 - APPROVED.

III. Principal's Report - Eric Chisausky, WALKER PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Meeting!

- ~Friday's Family Fall Fun Night- super fun! Family and enjoy each other's company.
- ~Orange Ruler Fundraiser- each morning we announce the student's in the grade level class fundraising level.
- ~Each day, two students are recognized, on fundraising.
- ~We are at \$7000 fundraised, with just 48% participation.
- ~The big fundraiser for the year- everything starts on October 3rd at 1:30pm.
- ~Timing of the event: 1:30-2:30pm on October 3rd, 2014.
- ~Top 5-Classses Get to Do the Pig Race, the run itself takes place on the baseball and soccer field.
- ~Parents are invited to observe! It helps to expand the base beyond our parents. Involving the kids in fundraising.
- ~Student Leadership Team- 80 kids signed-up! 1/3 of the students are interested in being a team leader. Embrace our FISH-Philosophy from a SELAs standpoint. The kids will have
- ~Community Service Opportunities.
- ~School Improvement Goals- Continual Process: 75% of students will meet or exceed our goals. We use MAP assessment. Parents see those results in late October, right around report card time.
- ~Student Goal Setting is being planned this week, 9/22/14.
- ~Dashboard indicators on your school: education is going for constant indicators of success.
- ~Safety Drills: Fire Evacuation, Severe Weather, & (3) Lockdown Drills a Year. Parents aren't allowed in building during that 5-10 minute drill, and there will be a sign on the door. Police Cars and Fire Engine will be present.
- ~Crossing Guard Position - Need to Hire! Keep your eyes and ears to the ground. Lunchroom Supervisor - Needed as Well.

IV. Officer's Reports

TREASURERS' REPORT - Margaret's Chung's Report-

- ~Approve the Budget - Budget Approved.
- ~Projected Cash- We have a whole another year saved in case of emergency.
- ~Student Leadership - new line item for \$750.00.
- ~Bank Statement - Summarizes Summer Events.
- ~Large Check to the New Flexible Learning Space- \$15,000 budgeted.
- ~We gave to the district roughly \$12,000- from the Strategic Planning Budget.
- ~Motion to Approve Budget - Approved.

CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT - Tracy Korbus & Anne Deis

Presidents' Meeting

Grounds & Maintenance- Grass Cutting - Tree Trimming and Mulching - was PTO and now it's district level.

Hall Pass- is being piloted at PROSPECT this year. Driver's license scanned into system and bounces against the police database: then you are recorded in the system.

Field Trips - were funded by PTO. We are going to charge parents \$20 for Kindergarteners, \$30 for other kids. PTO money is on reserve for future field trips so kids get the same offerings.

Family Resource Network - FRN - October 8th, 2014 - You must register, informational.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - PTO Communications

-WWN

-WildCat Weekly

-Email Blasts

-Committee Chairs communicate to us, and get the information out to you.

-Procedure for WWN data to be uploaded:

*Updates to Jan Martin by 12noon on Monday of the week you want the information aired.

-Procedure for WildCat Weekly to be uploaded:

*Updates to Carolyn Mannarino at mannarinoc@hotmail.com or Jacquie Korella at jacquiekorella@gmail.com by Friday at 2pm.

V. Committee Reports

~Fall Family Fun Night - A success! Thank you everyone!

~Staff Appreciation - (3) Events a Year, Welcome Back Luncheon, Holiday Luncheon, & Teacher

~Appreciation Spirit Week

~Strategic Planning- Teachers are deciding on what to do!-

~Student Leadership Team - Evolving but we have 80-kids and the meetings are Thursdays after school.

~Auction - Principal for a Day and Parking Spot.

-Maggie Lynch is Chairing the Event.

~Parent's Night - October 4th @ Neat - 7-11pm

VI. New Business

~Orange Ruler - Clarification Documents

~Website Updates - Advertising on our website and in our Directory, HomePage will have a new look

~Superintendent Advisory Learning Committee - (1) Parent and (1) Teacher are participants.

-Math Pilot Program at Prospect

-PARCC TEST (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers - is replacing ISAT -

~One Thursday a month at 4pm. Tracy Korbus and Louise Perkowski. Expectations of the committee have just been introduced.

VII. Old Business

Technology Drive, we raised \$6,500 for local business campaign. It's tough as people don't know what they are buying into yet. This is an excellent start and reduces are overall goal!

VIII. Upcoming Events

- A. Welcome Back Luncheon - Tuesday, September 23rd, 10:40-1pm
- B. Orange Ruler turn in date - Wednesday, October 1st,
- C. Fun Run - Friday, October 3rd, 2014 - 1:30-2:30pm
- D. Parent Night Out - Saturday, October 4th at Neat 7-11pm
- E. Halloween Parade - 8:40am on 10-31-14
- F. Halloween Assembly - 9:15-10am. We need to remind PM Kindergarten Parents about the parade and the Assembly if they would like to join in the FUN!!!
- G. Park District is offering a typing class in January 2015.

IX. Adjournment

10:38am - THANK YOU

November 17th @ 7pm for the GENERAL PTO MEETING -