

MINUTES
PTSA ~~11/7~~/2018 meeting
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In Attendance: Dennis Bryant, Joyce Miroslaw, Jennie Dedman, Marsha Gartner, Kyle Tackett, Jim Gaskill, Lesley Cross, Mara Sydnor

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesley Cross.

Guest Speaker: Certified Parent and Stepfamily coach, Amy Ambrozich presented "Dare To Parent".

A program offered to parents and step parents about how to effectively raise teens and tweens. She helps parents assess where they are in their relationship (s) with their teens/tweens and where they would like their relationship to be. Works on goal setting and problem solving. Helps blended families deal with the complexities of their family structure with the primary focus on keeping the family intact. Amy, in conjunction with Worthington schools offers a program called Insight. Insight provides a place for teens/tweens to go if they are suspended for 5 days for drug or alcohol infractions in the school. If the students participate in the 3-day consecutive Monday program, working with the parents and the children, they can "buy back" 3 days of the suspension. They help kids make educated decisions by providing them with drug information, such as the negative effects of vaping and how that typically leads to marijuana usage. Amy offers complimentary 30-minute coaching session intended for parents to gain a few fresh strategies. Strategy calls can be booked at www.daretoparent.com/contact. Additionally, you can find Amy's parent-teacher conference cheat sheet, so you can be prepared to ask questions at your conference. The URL is <https://my.daretoparent.com/ptconference>

President's Report given by Lesley Cross:

We had three concession stands at the volleyball games that brought in approximately \$300. Heather Wilson will chair concessions for boys basketball game (if her son makes the team). Don't have anyone for the girls game. Dance chaperones committed to Friday's dance and February's dance.

A program will be introduced this year for parents who want to acknowledge their children's birthday at school. . For \$10 the birthday package that parents can buy will include balloons in their child's locker, a happy birthday magnet that will go on the front of the locker and a sign with their name and the date. Parents can include a note that will go inside the locker. This will be arranged prior to the student entering the school in the morning. Also, the student will get a free concession stand ticket. The parents can decide when they would like the package to be implemented; After a birthday that was on a weekend, six months before or after a birthday, if their birthday was while they were on vacation, over the summer, etc. So far 15 people have reserved. Information on the birthday package was posted on facebook, the school newsletter and through emails. Information will be included in all future newsletters. Friends can still decorate each other's lockers. There will be two this Friday. A picture will be taken of the first birthday locker and will be posted on facebook.

Need speaker ideas. November the speaker will address Mindfulness for students.

District promoting Reflections Program to try and raise more scholarship funds as well as promoting levy and bond.

VP Report- Dennis Bryant:

The online auction will go live the end of October. Receiving donations - currently have more than \$2,500, didn't include items that don't have a

monetary value. Email will be sent to teachers and administrators to remind them about the auction, since they too benefit from the funds. (A portion goes to the teachers for mini grants) Will be promoting the benefit of the auction.

Treasurer Report - Diane Smullen - Presented by Lesley Cross

Suggestions from committee and treasurer: Having further checks & balances with the VPs reviewing reconciliation in the future as an extra set of eyes. Add an assistant treasurer for next year and two signatures. Will have an audit at the end of the year to confirm that we did what we committed to doing. On Cardinal Flight day there is an influx of cash, and we do not know where to account for the funds. We set up a square account so we will be giving individual invoices instead of using paypal that doesn't identify the purchaser. Can possibly use the shopping cart feature from the district that would give a report on purchases.

Money in our account needs to be spent within the year and whatever wasn't used will remain on the books.

Secretary Report- Mara Sydnor

Minutes from last meeting were passed out and voted upon. Passed.

Principal's report- Mr. Gaskill:

Last week was "Say Something" (Sandy Hook promise). The "Promise" will continue to be covered throughout the year. Activities will be created for students that will tie into this effort. Teachers asked for feedback from students to identify whether or not the information they are receiving and the video they watched (put together by students) are working. They said they were but offered suggestions for improvement. Students asked if it was possible for them to talk to students in schools who were affected by violence and how they were affected and how they handled it. Next week a full scale drill as required by the state will take place next Friday. Students will know when, where and how. It will be a controlled non

threatening, low-key drill. Teachers will go through steps that will occur when they reach the checkpoint/ rally point at Ace Hardware.

Based on recent reported threat at Worthingway, which was verified and deemed to be incredible, Cardinal Pride will take place on Oct. 4. There will be increased police presence. There's a hotline to call to get more information about the treat. Can call the district office for more information. The dance on Friday is going back to 7-9 timeframe for more turnout.

Mumpkin pick up was successful and raised \$6,496 (24 chrome books) to help buy chromebooks. Online site helped. Will likely be an annual event.

Kyle Tackett -

Community Service Day -- ideas to make it a whole school event.

Worthington Methodist makes sandwiches for those in need. Considering sending 6th graders there to help; 7th graders to work with the fire department on the Toys For Tots Drive; and 8th graders to work at the food pantry. The goal is for the students to see the entire process from the beginning to the end, from when the items are received and where they go. Want to teach the power of community service- hands on. Begin November though the holidays. Thinking of having student leaders create a video on their experiences.

Code of empathy program to close the gap between students and staff.

Teachers will shadow students to see what their day looks like. Katie Chrystal, 8th grade spanish teacher shadowed an 8th grader and followed him throughout the day. Take aways are how much our kids actually sit. Change our teaching style to include breaks in the class and have the kids move around a bit. Students asked if they could shadow a teacher.

Considering asking the students to write an essay on who they'd like to shadow and why. Teachers went into classes to see what students were working on and see how they might be able to contribute to what the students were working on.