

PTA Board Meeting September 2, 2016

Present:

Denni Edlund
Sarah Schubert
Lynn Brown
Tiffany Topol
Korey Schafer
Anna Short
Natalie Willes
Jennifer Hornick
Kara Stone
Marisa McLaughlin
Kris Meyer
Grace Casale

1) Housekeeping – Meeting Schedule

New Schedule :

In Fall- 2 meetings per month

This year we are trying evening meetings once per month - PTA, Foundation, and Site Counsel will meet separately for 1 hour and then report out together for the last 15 minutes

First meeting is 9/6 6-7:30

Childcare and light snacks

Open to whole school

For day time meeting : 3rd Friday of the month at 8:15 (9/23 for next meeting)

Or 2 weeks after each evening PTA meeting

Nov, Jan., April no evening meetings

2) Volunteer needs:

Need for Treasurer: Tonka Formigle has indicated interest – Lisa Labbee will meet with her

Committee Positions: 3rd grade parents to do OBOB, Buzz Book need,
Field Day – Tiffany Topol needs help with Field Day- new PE teacher might be needing additional help. Ask Barkley Hedding about this.

Gear – Sweatshirts, baseball hats, beanies, totes, mittens, - Lynn checking with friend who has a marketing company and she is managing gear.

Grounds Maintenance Coordinator - Needed to help coordinate what needs to be done around the the school grounds

Front needs some raised beds with veg for kids and families to take care of
Holiday home tour Buzzbook ad sales – Mitzie Raaf, Carrie Schuler, Katherine Jeffcoat

School Pics- Helen Lee - she has one more year at Ainsworth – need someone to shadow her

Lost and Found – Korey Schafer
Library Aid- Not needed – Librarian to handle
Kid Photos - Jenn Hornick

Home Tour Chair- Needed - December 8th interior home tour – Midori has notes on how to do this – the person who was going to do it cannot anymore.
Get committee going and coordinate with Midori to get people to take ownership of the project. Need 5 homes – have one confirmed and may have another
If we have the committee and homes in place then the chair will be more likely to volunteer.
\$500 budget for the homeowners

Daddy/Daughter Dance Oct 7th – Amy Northrop – she need volunteers – it's on the gym. Money goes to the foundation. Signs ups are online.

Coin Drive – needs help – PTA people

Garden Tour- Sept 11th 11-4 pm- Scenna Shipley- chair
Pulls people outside of community
Hardy plant society and Cornell Farms are supporters this year
Need more helpers for the day of the tour
Volunteer at entrance and different points in the garden
Shifts of 3
On PTA website for sign-up
Facebook garden tour page
Garden Design.com is involved
Tell grandparents, neighbors, parents ask for help
Room parent email next week to remind

Room Parent meeting Next Friday
Orna Knowlton is Room Parent Coordinator
We still need more room parents

3) Communications

Communications procedures for meetings/minutes-
Limit each section to a 5 minute update given by the committee member
Do a report, then action items, and then volunteers ?

4) Teacher supplies

Each teacher \$300 for school supplies – all run through Noah
Last year was \$200 and every teacher used it up
Then there are requests throughout the year for additional items- and they are funded as needed
There was some controversy about this last year because people thought there was some unevenness.
Maybe a different procedure this year to deal with this

Go to staff meeting and tell the teachers about how the program works so there is transparency this year about the process to get funds/supplies.
Teachers work at grade level to figure out what they are all using and coordinate so all the teachers get the same thing if it is needed.
Figure out a procedure for this soon
Approved Robyn Mann's request for planners for all 3 5th grade classes – total \$355.12

5) Reading Specialists - Budget

Linda Christensen is not back this year
Went to HR to get that position filled but there is a different procedure now
Reading Results – three tutors brought in (20 hr per week each) and they make sure all 3rd graders are reading
Data is provided to teachers – 3rd graders, 2nd, and 1st in that order
\$25K for this and \$22k for Linda
3rd grade immersion students get assessed in English- will serve students in both programs
Carmen is coming back as bi-lingual educational assistant

6) Teacher snacks

Teacher snacks – once a month – Tiffany Topol this month
Lynn is making a calendar for teacher snacks

7) School Supplies

School supplies – the School House online is too expensive – list needs to be on the PTA website not just the Ainsworth PPS website
Remember for next year to attach the school supplies list with the digital teacher assignment email.
Back to school committee would be helpful with a comprehensive email about all back to school items OR room parents could do an email with this info.

8) TAG

No TAG liaison yet – advocacy mostly
Grace is the official TAG coordinator
There are some things that can be done to encourage TAG type programs
Small budget from PPS for TAG
Chris and Grace – talk to them about getting a group of parents together that would like to coordinate a parent led TAG program