

Stratton PTO Executive Board Meeting

January 14, 2019

Attendees: Michael H., Bryn H., Heather M., Andrea H., Ashly N., Cindy F., Amy C., Christina F., Beth S. Andrea K., Kim VW., K.C.K

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Secretary Report

December Minutes were approved and will be posted to the website.

Circus Residency Report

Beth S. with Patti M. will be the leads for Circus Smirkus April 1-5. Circus Smirkus has provided lots of materials to include circus arts into the curriculum. Patti M. will share the ideas with the teachers at a staff meeting. Librarians have already ordered circus themed books for the collection.

Librarians have offered library time as another time for circus. All students will get 3 circus sessions (library and gym times). Library will be a second space for circus. Adding a 4th session is also possible, and scheduling will be figured out with general education teachers. Two residents will be here during the week. Patti M. and also parent volunteers will be needed during sessions. (A sign up will go out in the future.)

March will start to introduce students to the circus arts with activities, decorations, morning announcements and more. Another idea is to train 5th grader to video circus sessions to be shown at a PTO coffee and PRIDE meeting. Ideas about doing a Friday evening and how it would look, optional showcase were discussed, more thoughts can be shared with Beth S.

Residents want to kick off the week with a Monday all school assembly, having a PRIDE meeting Monday was discussed. PTO Coffee is scheduled for Friday April 5, and we will plan to show a video. Ideas on how to showcase and what to showcase were discussed and will be further discussed and planned.

Faculty Report

Sarah D. is waiting for a few more photos and is hoping to have everyone's by February. Maria M. asked if the school store be included in the PTO newsletter. Kim P. has about 200 slides found in the move, and wants to know if anyone would want to convert the slides into digital photos. These were discussed and will be further looked into.

Treasurer Report

Faculty expenses reports were sent out Friday to update faculty on how much they have spent towards their mini grants. Enrichment and fundraising reports were also sent out. Each grade's field trip and expenses were discussed. Library has spent the first part of the special fund for new books.

Fundraising Report

Not Your Average Joes' month continues and will be posted on Facebook, and another email will be planned to go out again soon. Wilson Farm Day is set up for January 31. Maxima money collected will also be announced once the check is received. Cause and Event will be May 12, a team has been created. We are way down on Amazon donations from last year, the link will be included on the newsletter. Box Tops is up this year, next Box top contest is TBA. The yearbook was discussed and if it makes sense to mark up next year. Iris P. will be running picture day in 2019/20. The auction is set to open February 28. We have received lots of donations and faculty donations.

Enrichment Report

3rd grade is looking to redo their enrichment plan and will be discussed further. It was discussed that we need to ask teachers in June about field trip plans, giving us a better projection in the enrichment budget.

Co-President Report

February PTO Community Meeting will be February 4, an AHS building committee member will be there to discuss the project. Gustavo P and Giselle L. will also be at the meeting who will be co-chairing Cultural Fest. The bulk of the meeting will be brainstorming new ideas for 2019/20.

Movie night will be February 8. Movies to be voted on were discussed. Dganit will be sending out the ballot and classes will vote. It will be made very clear that this event is NOT a drop off event.

Book Swap will be March 13. Kelly M and Melissa J., will soon be asking for donations.

Math Night will be March 14. We will use the café and Kindergarten hall way. Liz and Stewart are leading. A budget for the event was discussed. Pizza will also be sold.

Science night will be May 3-*Date Change*

Cultural Fest June 7 5:30-8. Custodial spent will be close to \$300., budget was discussed Gisella L. & Gustavo P. envision families bringing in food. Food labeling will be very clear, and limited to time. Next phase will be presentation in the gym about cultures. During that time café will be cleaned, and will be used for performances. Cultural Fest would be a co-sponsored event with SDEIG. Gisella L. & Gustavo P will become a subcommittee of the PTO. May 9 will be a pride meeting that Cultural Fest will be introduced to get students excited.

Monthly coffee themes: March 1 will be ELL, April 5 will be circus, May 3 possibly Music/Art, June 7 Math/Reading over the summer

5th grade events are being planned, and Deb W. is ready to send out the letter to request \$125 to cover 5th grade events. How to handle 5th grade scholarships with the social workers and forms were discussed.

Board Nominations for 2019-2020 were also discussed. It is board policy that no board members would hold positions for more than 2 years. Which means for 2019/20 the PTO will need to replace 1 Co-President, 1 enrichment chair, Secretary, fundraising chair. Kelly M. is on the nomination committee and will begin to look for candidates.

Communication Report

With all member meetings coming up in February creating a new video was discussed. Social media schedule for events to be posted with definite dates and added to the website. Enrichment calendars are needed with field trip and chaperones to get photos. Also looking for a new website coordinator, Kelly M is currently looking.

Principal Report

Budget process is ongoing and town principals are supporting more full time specialists so that faculty would have time for curriculum planning, deep collaboration, data collection/review, etc.

Meeting was adjourned 9:30pm