

PTO General Meeting

December 12, 2018

In attendance: Nancy Moon, Elaine Covert, Cheryl Kovach, Judith Crane, Rhonda Donowho

Principal's Report: Ms. Steffek (Mr. Ashley unable to attend due to central office meeting):

Ms. Steffak wants us to remember that while there are some frustrations with the new systems, there are still great things happening on campus every day. There are connections being made between students as well as students and teachers, for example:

CHS had a teacher that after sitting in an ARD and offered a struggling student a chance to get involved with the football team through video and such. The team members got together to buy this student shoes and headphones for Christmas. The student has come out of his shell and has been included as a team member.

Mr. Vick is working on a welding project for a disabled vet.

Teachers are having a rough year on campus with technical issues with Skyward and such.

There's a lot of communication with central office and the staff receives an immediate response from central office. There are resolutions coming through communication. There are kinks getting worked out, but teachers are encouraged to voice their concerns to the administration.

Question: What is the max amount of time for teachers to enter grades? They are supposed to put grades in within the first week, with the exception of essays and lengthier projects.

Question: How is construction changing our traffic pattern? Ms. Steffak will reach out and let us know what's been resolved. TXDot is working with the school.

Question: If students miss questions on a test, how are they able to review what they missed if teachers won't allow students to get copies of their tests or the questions/problems on the test?

Set up a conference with the teacher to discuss the problem. Ask for "concept problems" to share with tutors for an example. Timely grade reporting is necessary.

Officer's Report:

Secretary – Susan Willis

Minutes for November were distributed to the group. Elaine Covert made a motion to approve the minutes. Rhonda Donowho seconded the motion. November minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Elaine Covert

Money collected: \$2400 for FUNd Day, \$109 from Bumdoodlers (they gave \$1 back to the school for each pie ordered for the Thanksgiving Pie drive), \$3700 from the school store. Money spent: \$2,000 on new café tables for the library, new microwave for the cafeteria, winterized flower beds

VP Membership – Judith Crane

One new member this month

VP Volunteers – Michele Malatak

No report

President – Cheryl Kovach

Boerne Education Foundation (BEF) attended the last PTO president's meeting. They announced that Suede, a music group out of Austin, will be performing this year. The raffle prize is a one-year lease on an Infiniti from Infiniti of Boerne. The date for the event is March

30th at Kendall County Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center. They also announced that grants will be handled differently than in years past.

Parent Advisory Council meeting was canceled this month.

SHAC meeting introduced a new program called The Great Eight for next year. Social/emotional training for teachers. They are considering bringing peanut butter back to school cafeterias (at least at the high school level).

Committee Reports

Boerne Buddies – Jennifer Adamson – Luncheon this Friday, both lunches

Champ Camp – Don E Moskal / Sara Kureska – No Report

Champ Store – Tina Andrie / Michelle Cortez – on track with income per last year's numbers

FUNd Days – Tracy Schultz / Courtney Smith – Last week's FUNd Day went well. 750 sandwiches were ordered from Chick-fil-A and only 10 left over with about \$2000 profit. A suggestion was made to move them from Wednesday as to not conflict with Grilled Cheese Wednesday. There was also a recommendation to add gluten free options to the fundraiser.

Scholarship Committee – Sandra Lemoine / Jennifer Forbes – No Report

Spring Fling – Cindy Pickett / Renee Ortegon – No Report

Staff Appreciation – Danette Maddux – 4 \$25 gift cards were donated by PTO for a game the teachers/staff will play at the teacher Christmas party.

Staff Breakfast/Luncheon – Tracy Schultz / Courtney – No Report

Teacher Spotlight – Renee Ortegon – 2nd voting in progress. They are adding a comment field. Staff spotlight voting will be by teachers.

Thanksgiving Pies – Sharon Berry – We got \$109 rebate from Bumdoodler's (each pie is a rebate to the school for \$1 per pie). Only 3 staff members were not here that day, so they were given a gift card for \$15 in lieu of a pie.

Welcome – Tina Andrie/Ashley Robertson - After the first of the year there will be another luncheon for new students. Comment made that there is food donated for the football games and ton is left over. This could perhaps be a good opportunity for a tailgate for new families. The waste of food is extreme and there needs to be better communication about food being available prior to football games.

WES – Cori Perkins – No WES the week of finals due to schedule change

Workroom – Stephanie Bailey – Teachers not utilizing this service as much as years past. Workroom will be changing volunteer days to M/W/F. Sign up genius will change.

Old Business: Café Table money has been donated but the order has been held up.

New Business: The kids need power source for laptops and phones in the cafeteria. Every plug is being used. The school may need to consider adding additional power sources.

Reminders/Upcoming Events

Rich Sena presenting at January meeting

Next Meeting: January 16th at 9:00 a.m. in CHS Library

Winter Formal @ Marquardt: January 26th

Prom @ Incarnate Word: April 27th

Graduation: May 31st