

CHS PTO General Meeting 14 February 2018

In Attendance: Eddie Ashley, Elaine Covert, Lynn Bellow, Jill Lauderdale, Janie Wallace, Jennifer Adamson, Karen Walsemann, Danette Maddux, Cheryl Kovach, Judith Crane, Susan Willis

Principal's Report – Mr. Ashley

Mr. Ashley addressed the group by discussing the upcoming school assembly and PTO Presents program over David's Law (Bullying) as well as drug issues in the school. March 20th will be student assembly. Mr. Ashley presented bags full of confiscated vaping pens to the group, and passed them around for parent evaluation. To combat the vaping issue, faculty/staff are monitoring bathrooms between classes and keeping up-to-date on what vape pens look like, since many are disguised to look like common items such as: USBs, markers/highlighters, and cell phone chargers. They have initiated a system that allows students to confidentially report vaping/behavior/concerns that the faculty/staff should address. Consequences for using vape products: first offense: 2-3 days of In School Suspension, second offense: warning or citation from Boerne Police Department. The staff must have reasonable suspicion to search a backpack, therefore confidential reporting has become helpful. The report is turned into Mrs. Slavinski confidentially. Most students are not aware of the dangers of vaping. Vaping doesn't show up on drug tests (unless Hemp oil is used). Boerne PD has only one drug dog, and it's difficult to get scheduled because the handler works nights.

During Winter Formal student(s) were found in possession of alcohol in the parking lot by the SRO, and given Minor In Possession citation(s). School events are treated the same as if students were on campus.

Parking may not be assigned spaces next year. Mr. Ashley is weighing the pro's and con's of assigned vs. open parking.

The calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is being worked on, but the district's status change to District of Innovation is holding up the finalizing/changing of the schedule. Most likely school will start earlier this August than previous years.

Officer Reports

Secretary – Susan Willis

January Minutes were passed to the group. Motion to approve January meetings by Elaine Covert. Motion seconded by Michele Malatak. January General Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Elaine Covert

\$14,000 worth of sales at the store. We make 50% profit, providing money for grants as needed.

VP Membership – Judith Crane

One new member this month, for a total of 289 members.

VP Volunteers – Jill Lauderdale

No new business.

President – Cheryl Kovach

Parent council meeting: much of the discussion focused on the elementary schools. Traffic at Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary is a continuing issue as well as the unsafe drop-off at Boerne Middle School North. Dual language curriculum is in discussion as far as the splitting of campuses.

Calendar: A district committee is working on next school years calendar and will possibly have the community voting on one of two calendars. Also being discussed is the possibility of adding 15 minutes to each school day to help shorten the school year and/or minimize the need for weather makeup day/s. There is also discussion of having one day a month being a half-day.

District of Innovation (DOI) – project is progressing. Class size is in great debate at the elementary level. At the high school level, the discussion revolves around: AP course instructors, calendar and longer class days. Other close DOI's are Comfort, Alamo Heights, Dripping Springs. The idea is to get away from some state requirements while still following the education laws.

District communications manager position has recently turned over and they are in process of hiring someone new. New financial program coming on board for district. Lots of software changes in the district.

Committee Reports Boerne Buddies - Sharla Fitzgerald / Robyn McGovern

\$25/year to be involved, but since currently 10 monthly lunches are held, cost exceeds the current budget. Sponsors are needed. Parents help with side dishes and money from the budget is used for main entree. Perhaps up the amount to \$50 to join the group. Next event is after Spring Break. Each lunch varies. Parents are still needed to volunteer. Suggestion: carwash or activity to sell/work together with their buddy. Other opportunities to raise money? \$1800 left in budget.

Care Committee - Sandra Lemoine - No Report

Champ Camp - Don E. Moskal (Karen Walsemann / Sara Kureska)

Next meeting is March 5th to discuss/start planning for next year. Solid plans cannot be made until school calendar is released.

Champs Store - Tina Andrie / Michelle Cortez

Everything is going well. \$14,000 made so far this year.

Community Liaison - Cheryl Sanin - No Report

FUNd Days – Danette Maddux / Tracy Schultz

Next FunD Day will be Chick-Fil-A on April 5th

Scholarship Committee - Sandra Lemoine

Announcements are being made. One application has been turned in so far.

Service Project Coordinator - Karen Walsemann / Gina Anderson

Karen needs feet on ground and people to send ideas for places for kids to get service hours. She needs rules, point of contact, and necessary forms. Website is set up. "Outside vs inside hours" – having trouble finding "inside" hours which are opportunities on campus. Logging of student hours: ROTC uses their own software, service coordinator must accept and log their own hours, spend money on an app to track hours. Perhaps have a district coordinator? BSO (Boerne Service Organization) used to have a website. It's now a Facebook page. Write an email to Dr. Price regarding this topic and Cheryl will bring it up at PTO and parent council meeting. In-school service hours: need more communication between the schools. District level: you could load in opportunities and also log hours through the district site, which would provide more consistency. Dr. Price email: Thomas.price@boerneisd.net. There is a website that's not live that Karen has been working on.

Spring Fling - Tina Andrie / Michelle Cortez

Sign-up genius to be sent out

Staff Appreciation - Danette Maddux / Tracy Schultz

Staff Breakfast/Luncheon - Renee Sampiere Hatem / Courtney Smith/ Tracy Schultz

Teacher/Staff Spotlight – Renee Ortegon

Mr. Haecker won \$150 gift card (limit is to only win every 2 years). This award is given every 9 weeks. Staff spotlight trying to be launched. (twice a year - \$100/per prize). Faculty votes on staff recipients.

Thanksgiving Pies - Sharon Berry

Welcome - Tina Andrie / Ashley Robertson

Michele Malatak has been very busy giving tours of the school.

WES - Gina Anderson

Numbers of students attending are down (not as many tests or hours to make up at the beginning of the semester). Atmosphere may be different since it's separated now through cafeteria and library.

Workroom - Michele Malatak

Old Business:

Voting for Amendment to By-Laws - Unanimous vote to change By-Laws

Wheeler's Big Give Fundraiser - Tickets were distributed to members interested in selling. Each ticket is a suggested donation of \$20 for a chance to win prizes from Wheeler's

BEF Basket Donation - CHS PTO provided a basket donation of wine, gift card to Maggiano's, wine glasses, foods.

New Business: None

Reminders / Upcoming Events:

FUNd Day TODAY - What-A-Burger Honey Butter Chicken Biscuits

Spring Fling Friday March 9th

Next Meeting – March 7th @ 9:00AM