

OH PTO October Meeting Notes

October 23, 2017 - 3pm

1. Welcome Intro - Lark A.

- a. Focus of today's meeting....
- b. No meetings in Nov. or Dec.

2. BSD Representatives:

a. Johanna Shrout - Volunteer Background checks & process help & Clarification

- i. Teachers can get limited access so they can see who signed up for the spot.
- ii. Other schools using the program have had success across the district
- iii. The home page can be listed differently, ex:by teach instead of event.
- iv. OTM would like their schedule arranged by date. You can search for specific days to show who is signed up or not.
- v. Full access can be granted for ex: winter event, then they would remove those full access after event.
- vi. To help out Lindsey, we can get more people with full access so others can add or change anything that is asked
- vii. Structure of main page will be changed during the summer to see if it is more intuitive for the volunteers.
- viii. Parents with kids @ multiple schools can see all volunteer opportunities because the schools are using the same program.
- ix. Background checks at the beginning of the year was extra slow this year due to state level problems. Background checks are every two years. You can give permission for district to run the checks every two years automatically on our birthday month. People ex:grandparents, are getting archived in the system because they live out of state. District will look into the process and try and make it better.
- x. The question "How can you get access to be able to volunteer at other schools? You have to update your volunteer locations in our account and you should receive an email saying you are cleared.

b. Anne Bryan - advice and direction in communication to the BSD board for community needs and action points.

- i. She has been on the board for 5 yrs.
- ii. If you have a problem or concern, her advice is to start with the person closest to the problem.
- iii. We need to ask ourselves are people following rules or do the rules need to change? If the rules need to change we can present our suggestion to the board as a strong front by having people attend the board meetings.
- iv. Younger sibling rule with volunteers - do we look at the whole rule or how it is applied and should there be exceptions? If our volunteers think there should be exceptions for ex:field day, JAT, we need to present our request to the board as

a unified front. We could ask around to other schools in the district who also support the request of having exceptions to the rule and get them to attend the board meeting with us.

- v. We need gateway volunteer opportunities to introduce & get newer parents involved so they can take over events when other parents kids graduate out of the school.
- vi. SATO tours Nov. 16h.

3. Principals Report - Principal Sheila Baumgardner

- a. See attachments
- b. We want to make sure every kid goes up 1 level every year no matter where they start.
- c. We are in the top 10% of schools
- d. 3,4,5 grades - All teachers looked back at score results from last year and saw breakdown of how certain group and classes had done. Teachers were able to find/see what areas they could improve and work on and need more attention.
- e. K-2 grade - have seen results and want to help improve scores by putting more of a focus on categories where score were not at the level they would like.
- f. Jen Demartino - What is Depth of Knowledge? Want to teach skills but also give kids enough time to practice those skills (aka scrimmage) See attachment
- g. ESL and General teachers meet 1/mo. To make sure they are all on the same page and discuss individual students.
- h. Tests might be shortened? They are looking at a different way to rate schools ex: do kids feel safe, family involvement....

4. Treasurer's Report - Mandi M. *See attachments*

5. Old Business -

a. Recaps

i. School Supply Delivery - Sara B

- 1. School supply order ot messed up, we requested that the company make a large donation to Barnes Elementary school We will look into using a different supply company for next year.

- ii. **JAT update - Cyndie Pelto** We made more than our goal!!! Raffle tickets will go home Wednesday, Donations will continue to trickle in. Tickets should be put in cans on Tuesday and Wednesday, Assembly is Thursday Nov. 1st at 130pm. We will have the final totals on Wednesday.

iii. Dream Dinners Update - Charli

- 1. 5 people showed on Wednesday the 7th. 3 people showed on Saturday the 12th. There were 12 spots each to be filled. It was fun but maybe more people would show up if it was later in the Spring? Too close to JAT. We did get \$80 donated to the school!

iv. Conference Meals - Lark

- 1. One big meal the 1st night and leftover carry over to second day?

2. Find a robust dinner or regular dinner and breakfast or lunch?
3. Costco pizza & salad kit?
4. Next conference is in March.

b. GEAR UP/NIKE APPAREL & Online System for 2018 - Lark

- i. We need to get \$500 for the first order to pay for website. This will make ordering easy and sustainable.

6. New Business -

a. Envelope General Funds discussion - Lark/Nicole

- i. Where do the general fund donations go from the envelopes? Art Lit and class parties made their goal from envelope donations. OTM made less than they need.
- ii. Lark Makes a motion that all excess funds from the white envelopes from the general fund line be donated to OTM to cover all operating supply costs. All in favor. None opposed.

b. OTM - Melica

- i. Mandi proposes that we will fund OTM for all operating needs proposed to us at this meeting 10/23/07 for \$1000 to be decided at a later meeting in January where the funds come from. Lark makes a motion that we will fund OTM for all operating needs proposed to us at this meeting 10/23/07 for \$1000 to be decided at a later meeting in January where the funds come from. All in favor. None opposed.

c. Geography Club - Heather Wadia

- i. This club is built to be fun and ran by volunteers. 8-10 volunteers needed at the end of every month for testing. Testing will happen during lunch recess? There will be a vote in Jan. to fund it.

d. Family Fitness Night - Lark

- i. An eblast will be sent out and this will be advertised on facebook as well. Donations of fitness things might be raffled? Please spread the word!

e. Emergency Buckets for Classrooms - Lark (See List Provided by District) Principals confirm that our school is covered.

f. Popcorn Funds - Mandi

- i. Lark motions to use all popcorn sales money to go towards 4th grade field trips & 5th grade Biz Town. Dominique seconds. All in favor. None opposed.

g. 5th Grade Celebration - Mandi

- i. Jamba Juice Cards for 5th grade celebration will be available
- ii. Square One Art - fundraising company, they send you a kit, lesson plan, you send it back, and then you can order different items with your kids art on them like stickers, mugs, shirts, key chains, etc... Should this be limited to only 5th grade? The process will start in January and we will go from there. Principals give the go ahead for this.

h. January Dance - Mandi

- i. Looking for someone to be the chairperson for this event. Maybe a 5th grade parent since the funds made will go to the 5th grade celebration.

7. Announcements / Important Dates

- a. 11/3 - NO SCHOOL (Grading Day)
- b. 11/9 - Family Fitness Night
- c. 11/10 - NO SCHOOL
- d. 11/22 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- e. 11/28 - Picture Retakes
- f. 12/4 - 12/8 Book Fair
- g. 12/7 - Choir Performance
- h. 12/21 - 01/3 Winter Break
- i. 01/4 - First Day Back at School

**OH PTO October Meeting Attendance
10/23/07**

**Nicole Evanson
Dominique Robey-Despain
Cyndie Pelto
Jennifer Cooper
Kim Ehler
Heather Wadia
Lindsey Burnham
Lark Asbury
Emily Murnen
Charli Sand
Jennifer DeMartino
Michelle McGhee
Joanna Shrout
Anne Bryan
Sheila Baumgardner**