CALL TO ORDER - 1:02 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

SECRETARY – Jodi Heffke filled in for Jen Porter
The minutes from the December 2017 Council meeting are available online for review. Minutes will stand as read.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Shirley Berish
Balance on hand as of Dec 7, 2017 - $3,279.61
Receipts - $390.00
Disbursements - $0
Balance on hand as of Feb. 1, 2018 - $3,669.61

The report will be filed for financial review.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Mike McGinnis

Preschool and Kindergarten Update:

• Preschool – 2nd year under Step Up to Quality Program.

• Lil Bears received a 5 Star rating for the first year under the Step Up program. Resubmitted and received 5 Star again.

• Lil Bear screening for 2018-2019 year took place with over 50 candidates. 24 spots each year for 3 yrs and 4 yrs. 50/50 ratio of students typical peers to students with needs. 3 classes each of 3 year olds and 4 year olds.

• Ratios are strict for preschool classrooms - not looking to expand number of classrooms at new elementary school. Case load also has strict guidelines which NR has to follow.

• Kindergarten registration – Website link goes live on Feb 5th for registration on NR website. In person portion of registration takes place on Feb 27th
from 7 am-3-pm and Feb 28th from noon to 8 pm in the community room. In order to participate in the lottery for all day kindergarten, families must be registered online by Feb 27th.

- New elementary school - will be able to accommodate all day kindergarten should district make that decision moving forward.

**Technology Update - 1 on 1 initiative:**

- All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes have a complete set of Chromebooks
- Current 6th graders have assigned Chromebooks that will move forward with them thru 8th grade. Only 1 misplaced and 2 with damage as of date
- 2018-19 school year - 9th graders will be assigned a Chromebook
- Google End of Life policy - 5 years now. Just changed it from 3 year time span. Google will continue to support during the lifespan.
- Financial responsibility is on district. district choose to take responsibility rather than families. Chromebook being looked at as a textbook. Families incur replacement/damage cost starting with 2nd incident.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Greg Gurka**

- Tech is tool not instruction, needs to be considered for new facilities. Teachers are more collaborative across the board and space and technology need to fit their needs. Space will allow teachers to be either as traditional or non-traditional as wanted/needed.
- Schematic design phase ended at end of January. Now starting Design Development phase - specific use of space and necessary fixtures for rooms. Meeting with all affected staff members. Construction company now looking at schematic drawings to come up with hard cost estimates.
- $1B in school construction in our area right now. Challenging us with construction costs - prices have risen due to all of the construction going on now.
- Meeting with city on traffic flow for State Road building.
- Late March, planning another community meeting to review plans and drawings.
• Going to NR Planning commission for plan approval.
• August of 2020 is the target date for new elementary and HS improvements to be completed.
• Summer of 2021 - current Community Room will be demolished. Can’t happen while school is in session.

SCHOOL BOARD’S REPORT – Anne Reinkober

• Organizational meeting in January – Susan Clark is President and John Kelly is Vice President of the Board.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

• Will be resending the Kindergarten/Safety Town registration sign up to all unit Presidents and will include the Council members as well. We need volunteers to assist signing families up for Safety Town as they register for kindergarten.

• Ohio PTA Convention is April 20-22 in Columbus. Please see me or your unit president if you are interested in attending

• Please remind you unit Nominating Committees to gather and forward the contact information for your entire Slate of Officers as both Council and Founder’s Night committee need this information. Also please remind your units that all incoming officers should be attending Founder’s Night April 19th to be installed and enjoy a memorable evening.

• Had a brief discussion about possibility of either having 1 or 2 evening meetings to encourage those work during the day to get involved in PTA. General consensus – won’t get anyone to attend as families have kid activities to attend in the evenings. Perhaps we need to think outside of the box, PTA may look different in the future to accommodate day and evening restrictions.

OFFICER’S REPORT

1st & 2nd VP – Chris May/Helena Johnson –

• Founder’s Night takes place on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 pm in the HS Media Center.
• Please encourage your unit members to attend to celebrate PTA accomplishments, awards are given out and the installation of all Slate of Officers takes place.

• Each unit does not have to nominate a recipient of the Ohio and/or National PTA Achievement award. Please note this year we will be including an additional $25 fee payable to Council for a second and subsequent awards at each unit should a unit have more than 1 award nomination.

COMMITTEES

Financial Review – Becky Cozzens
  • All good
Health, Welfare, & Safety – OPEN
  • Next Coalition Meeting - February 21, 2018 @ 9:30 am – 11:00 am
  • Where: NR Library, 5071 Wallings Rd, North Royalton OH 44133
Legislation – OPEN
  • Nothing at this time
Membership
Reflections – Lori Krzywicki
  • All entries judged at school level in December with prizes and awards handed out before break.
  • First place winners were then sent onto Council. Judging took place in early January. Council winners will be announced in February.
  • Council winners will be recognized at the April Board of Education meeting. That is being finalized now.
Scholarships – Lynn Twarog
  • Requirement - a parent must be a PTA member
  • HS Counseling department confirming members to applications
Technology – Michelle Bauer
• No report

COUNCIL DELEGATES REPORTS:

High School – Cristina Hornik/ Lynn Twarog
• Winter Formal at Carrie Cerinos on Feb 10th
• Talent Show took place on Jan 26th
• Craft Fair brought in over $14,000

Middle School – Jodi Heffke/Kelly Tarnowski
• Leadership Conference took place on Jan 23rd
• Welcome Back Lunch took place on Jan 23rd
• Basketball Tailgate was on Jan 25th
• PTA’s Malley’s fundraiser has been put on hold this year due not having a need to fundraise any further this year.
• New cell phone use policy has been implemented and is under review. Phones can be used PRIOR to 8 am and AFTER 3 pm as well as DURING lunch periods. No other times are allowable.

Albion – Christie Cervenka/Michelle Stoss
• Looking to do school supply boxes with Sprout School Supplies for the 2018-2019 school year.
• Working with Akron Rubber Ducks to either do a fundraiser event at a game or just provide discounted tickets for a family social.

Royal View – Alexandria Geffert/Jaclyn Jacin
• Hosted a Family Movie Night and had 85 in attendance
• Had their fundraiser at the JumpYard and had over 150 people attend
• Participating in the Heart Association Jump-a-Thon
• Doing a 1 penny fundraiser for the Leukemia Society in May

Valley Vista – Jamie Steffas/Amy Banner
• Girls on the Run spring registration now open
• American Bookshelf up and running
• Hosted a Family Social and had 400+ attend

Early Childhood – Mallory Frederick/Carrie Zielinski
• Spring ReSale will take place on March 10th at the High School. Sale begins at 8 am and ends at 1 pm

BUSINESS:

• Financial Review- Becky Cozzens will head the committee. We still need 2 more volunteers and 1 alternate.
  1. Jodi Heffke
  2. Kelly Tarnowski
  3. Cristina Hornik

• Lifetime Achievement Award –
  May I have a motion to accept our 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award nomination? Cristina Hornik made the motion, seconded by Becky Cozzens. Motion passed.
  Presentations will be at Founder’s Night April 19.

• Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers for 2018-2019 PTA Council:
  President – Chris May
1st VP – Helena Johnson

2nd VP- Kelly Tarnowski

Recording Secretary – Jen Porter

Treasurer – Jami Haley

We will vote on the Slate of Officers at the April meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor provided they are given to me in writing one week prior to the April meeting.

Are there any other questions or comments? Please see important dates on agenda. Last PTA Council Meeting will be April 12, 2018 in Community Room @1PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm.