

CCCK8 PTSA
General Membership Meeting
9/6/16

Present: Jody Dickson, Tami Lawson, Jennifer Livingston, MaryAnn McGinnis, Stephanie Rosario, Linda Duffy, Joanna Waggoner, Lesa Clarkson, Jen Norris, Heather Smith

Shared Meeting Time with C3AC

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Teacher/Staff Reports

Jen Norris demonstrated how she uses Google Drive for her classroom. Assignments can be found there, most of the math workbooks are there. All students have a Google account and use Google's office suite instead of Microsoft products. She also demonstrated how she is using Dojo as a communication tool. She uses the Dojo app on her phone and ipad. She can see all her students and easily selects one, then gives positive or negative points, and can type in notes. She also uses the "class story" feature as a way to share classroom photos, news, reminders, announcements, etc. Parents can also message her and she gets a notification.

Discussion: Different levels and styles of teacher communication; how parents use Dojo.

Principal's Report

Principal Livingston showed statistical reports of our PARCC and CMAS scores. She will share the slideshow. The tests themselves are still a learning process.

There will be a Child Assault Prevention workshop and a parent information night on October 19.

Staffing updates: Anthony was hired as the facilities manager, so his position will be posted soon.

A new achievement director was assigned to our school: Beth Elmgreen

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Introductions/welcome

Jody read our mission statements.

Officer Reports

- There is a free fall PTA conference on September 10 if anyone can attend.
- Open positions: Membership, Reflections (short-term. Ms. Seavers is willing to help. Jody will ask Ms. Cruz), Legislative (important this year because of bond issues), Fundraising, Health and Wellness (Christine is willing to share, Ellwein and Drew Steffe will help), Volunteer Coordinator, Enrichment Coordinator, and a few more room parents. Maria has been training Nancy on SignUp.

- Membership: 35. CO PTA is having membership challenges for chances to win various prizes. We will do our best to keep up and enter. We are trying a membership drive that gives an ice cream party to the grade with the highest percentage of parent memberships.
- Student Council - they are campaigning for officer positions and will be formed soon. If they don't want to do Box Tops, we can do it. Eagles Eyes volunteers can do counting. We would also like to reinstate the student council providing child care for PTSA and C3AC meetings.
- Ron Vince is working on business sponsors.

Open Business

- Goal ideas from summer meeting:
 - o Eagle Eyes participation: 70 days
 - o Increasing PTSA participation, including student and teacher participation. Ideas for measurement - fill 2 open positions, get new members to come to meetings. (NEXT YEAR - talk about different day of the week and week of the month)
 - o Increasing PTSA communication, promoting opportunity to have voice. Ideas for measurement - website hits, try a printed newsletter again. Point out what PTSA has accomplished and sponsored.
 - o Fundraising goal. Discussion: fundraising is sometimes easier with a specific cause in mind. Ms. Livingston says the teachers would like certain literacy resources. A certain % increase over last year? A specific number?
- Financial report: Preliminary budget presented. In: \$360 in membership, Out: \$6,000 check for para, \$2,400 check for classroom funds.
- Events - we will wait for Laura to discuss BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast, Back to School Night, and Trick or Treat Street. We will have a math night in early November. Request to have it earlier next year.

New Business

- PTSA promotional video, student newscast - wait for Laura to discuss
- Donors Choose is a crowd-source fundraising website similar to Go Fund Me. Teachers have mentioned it to Jody, but it looks like teachers have to do it.