

HERITAGE PTSA MEETING

October 13, 2015

In attendance: Cynthia Kacsandi, Lynne Evans, Heather Brame, Susie Kehres, Stephanie Gross, Joe Kacsandi, Karen Spiller, Erin Kohut, Robin Pryfogle, Laura Silcott, Laura Pestorius, Cindy Pauff, Kelly Adams, and Trisha O'Hearn

Secretary Report: Susie motioned to begin the meeting and approve the August 11th PTSA minutes. Heather seconded; passed unanimously.

Welcome/Introductions:

Old business

Vacant Officer Positions:

Reflections Chair-It was stated that Kris Konik needed someone to help.

Volunteer Chair-It was stated that a volunteer chair is still needed to be filled.

Staff Appreciation- A co-chair is still needed to help with the Staff Appreciation Week during the first week of May.

PTSA Website Chair-Lynne Evans agreed to update the PTSA website. Currently the Heritage office has access to the PTSA website.

PTSA Parent Volunteer Roster: Names and information will continue to be entered in the membership and email groups. When volunteers are needed, it was recommended to access the email groups. Also, some emails have been blocked from the email group, for example administrators. Kelly was going to check on those names who have been blocked from the email groups.

SAP Conferences: A SAP conference form will be sent home with each child. The parents are expected to RSVP and return them to their teacher. PTSA will have a table to greet parents and provide information regarding membership, volunteering opportunities, and ways to sign up for the PTSA email group. Also, the PTSA will have a fund raiser of selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts during Thursday afternoon and evening conferences. Karen will order the doughnuts. Spirit Wear will also be available to purchase during conferences. Heather will send out Spirit Wear reminders.

Treasurer's Update: Susie reported the amount in the PTSA checking account is \$13,000. The scholastic book fair was the 2nd highest in sales. The National Membership dues will need to be paid on November 1st. Susie reminded committee members that Heritage PTSA is a tax exempt organization. Committee members should ask Susie for our tax exempt numbers when making any purchases for the school.

New business

Principal's Update: Joe presented the P.R.I.D.E. incentive program to the PTSA. The main purpose of the incentive program will be to reward good kids for continuing to make good choices. As well as, rewarding good GPA. The focus is to change the culture of the school for the positive. The program will be communicated to parents. P.R.I.D.E. will help kids to understand that they will be rewarded for making a positive effort. Some of the rewards will include trips off campus. The students will be able to

participate if they have the points needed with the new incentive rewards system. Also, vouchers have been given to students to use at the school store. Joe reported that Brittany will keep track of the pride points. Joe will follow up with Heather regarding how the points should be used and redeemed at the school store.

Joe reported that the issue of drop off and pick up in front of Heritage will be reviewed for the safety of the children.

Dine outs: Karen, Lynne, and Cindy presented information and ideas regarding the dine-outs. The dine outs will begin in November. An explanation regarding the dine-out fundraisers will be communicated to parents. Flyers will be included in an email to the PTSA email group. Also, flyers will be posted in the school and shared on the school's morning announcements.

School Store/Spirit Wear: School store will be open every Thursday. Heather will work with Joe on the cost of any new items. The school store will be restocked as needed. There will be an order form made available on the PTSA website. There was also a request to have candy available for students by purchase or using their pride points. It was explained that because of health rules, candy will not be available at the school store.

Social: Stephanie reported that the fall social will be held on November 13th from 3-5pm. There will be a game truck, DJ, Kona Ice, and a photo booth. Volunteers will be needed. Each student will purchase their tickets prior to the social. Details will be communicated on the permission form which will need to be signed and returned by each child who wants to attend the fall social.

Westerville Parent Council: Robin announced there are monthly meetings which are welcome for all parents to attend. During a previous meeting, Dr. Kellogg expressed his concerns regarding emotional development of the children and the importance of having at least 1 adult that matters in a child's life. There are concerns regarding the amounts of testing that are expected from the children. There will be further updates on assessments and testing requirements.

The board will be making a proposal for the pay to participate amount to be changed. This will affect the families with more than one sport or activity or families paying for more than one child. The change of some pay to participate amounts will begin next year and some will begin as soon as the winter sports and activities.

Fundraiser: Stephanie presented the fund raiser, Butter Braids. The plan was to have the fund raiser prior to Thanksgiving Break. The date will be announced and Stephanie will meet with Joe to discuss further details about the fundraiser.

Upcoming meeting dates: January 19th, 6:30pm in the Commons.

Motion to adjourn: Robin Pryfogle; seconded by Kelly Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Evans

