

Summit Middle School PTO Meeting
January 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order 6:02 p.m.

Present: Amy Peckinpaugh, Jessica Nix, Brook Sipe, Mr. Pursley, Mr. Lutz

1. Teacher/Staff Update (Mr. Lutz, PBIS Coach, Gators Science Teacher for 8th Grade)

- This is the 5th year of PBIS.
- The focus of the PBIS program is on our school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. It is for (and by) ALL students, ALL staff, and in ALL settings.
- It aims to help students focus on the positive and correct behaviors that don't meet expectations.
- Approximately 80% of students are in Tier 1 (primary prevention), 15% Tier 2 (specialized group systems for students with at-risk behavior), and 5% Tier 3 (tertiary prevention for higher risk students).
- Program goals are to teach appropriate behaviors, intervene when behavioral expectations are not met, and recognize when behaviors are met.
- Falcons SOAR (Safe, Organized, Accountable, Respectful) posters are prominently displayed throughout the school to remind students of expectations.
- Benefits of the program are a positive school culture and a decrease in referable behavior and suspensions since PBIS implementation.

2. Principal's Report (Mr. Pursley, Assistant Principal)

- Big Basketball Week for Summit
 - 7th Grade: January 15th vs. Woodside at Summit
 - 8th Grade: January 17th vs. Woodside at Homestead High School
 - NHMLC Conference Tourney starts next week
- Swim and Dive Team had call-outs recently
- Sources of Strength Training
 - 60 kids, 8 adults
 - Very successful - Spread hope, help and strength
 - Next step: bi-weekly meetings with specific campaigns (e.g. bullying) that peers present to the school.
- JA in a Day - February 1st
 - Still need 15 volunteers
 - May be able to open walls to combine groups if necessary
 - First time for this whole-school experience
- Professional Development on January 22, 2019
 - Dr. Guskey from the University of Kentucky will meet with the Department Coordinators to talk about developing assessments at the middle school level. He will also meet with the elementary schools and the high school.
 - He will meet with over 100 teachers in the pilot group about how to develop assessments to get to mastery of topics.

- In-Service on February 8, 2019
 - In the morning, Dr. Desautels from Butler University's Educational Neuroscience Department will be at Summit to discuss how trauma affects the brain and student learning (Trauma Task Force).
 - In the afternoon, SMS and WMS teachers will be working together on assessment materials.
 - Flex Day March 15, 2019: Last day of 3rd Quarter
 - Redistricting letters are going out soon to new 6th graders in current WMS area. This redistricting will apply to current WMS 6th and 7th graders in Zone 1. If they provide their own transportation to/from school, they can stay at WMS. Otherwise, they will come to SMS next year.
 - Therapy dogs: Skills Lab teacher partnered with local resource to get therapy dogs. They are Great Danes! These dogs will primarily be used to help E.D. students. The dogs will visit approximately 2 times per month.
3. Secretary's Report: Amy Peckinpaugh (filling in for Lara Schreck)
- Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Amy Peckinpaugh
- Jessica and Brook will sell t-shirts at the 5th grade Parent Night.
 - Income (December/January):
 - Dividends totaled \$2.98.
 - Expenses (December/January):
 - Paid out \$519.70 to Math Department in December for 2018-2019 grants (total grants paid so far this year: \$1603.36).
 - Current Credit Union Balance: \$10,790.42
5. Old Business
- Teacher Hospitality
 - Thank you from teachers for breakfast on Records Day.
 - 8th Grade Send-Off
 - Brook Sipe and Julie Wolfe will be co-chairs of this committee.
 - Date is set for May 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
6. New Business
- Superintendent Artwork Project
 - Jessica Nix will meet with Mrs. Nicholson to choose a piece of art from Summit.
 - PCC Meeting with HHS Parent Club
 - HHS expansion: Met with local architects, Indianapolis architects and an educational strategic planner.
 - There are 2,424 students now, but they are planning for 3,000 students.
 - Will start talking about it in March. They are hoping NOT to have a referendum. Would need approximately \$150 million.

- The strategic planner is talking to different groups to assess their needs (e.g. Radio Station could have a window to the outside to see the weather plus a window to the inside so other students could see the radio personnel during the broadcasts. There is no window currently.)
- Discussing if lockers are needed.
- Hallways would be wider for better flow of traffic in hallways.
- School will be at least two stories tall.

7. Future PTO Meetings (2018-2019)

March 4

April 22

All meetings will take place in the Summit Conference Room on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.