

**Summit Middle School PTO Meeting**  
**November 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order 6:07 p.m.

Present: Amy Peckinpaugh, Lara Schreck, Jessica Nix, Brook Sipe, Ashley Adamson, Jeff Faber, Dr. Josh St. John

1. Special Presentation (Ashley Adamson, Junior Achievement)

- "JA in a Day" will take place at Summit on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 7:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch times for students will remain the same and Junior Achievement will provide lunch for all volunteers and teachers that day.
- 46 schools are participating in "JA in a Day" this school year, including Deer Ridge and Haverhill and 13 middle schools. Summit will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> SACS school to participate.
- Junior Achievement staff will be present to provide materials, coordinate debriefing sessions and answer questions.
- Approximately 26 volunteers (parents or community members) are needed for this event.
- Sessions will be specific to each grade level:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> graders will learn about the "Global Marketplace" including the concepts of global trade, customer relationships in business, and international currency.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be exposed to an "Economics for Success" curriculum to develop their knowledge of personal finance (insurance, budgeting, credit scores, debit/credit cards, etc.) and explore their educational and career options.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in an "It's My Future" session to research potential careers, create a basic resume, learn about interview tips, etc.
- Volunteers can request to work with a specific grade level or specific teacher and they do not need to be experts in the subject matter.
- Training for volunteers will take about 1.5-2 hours at the J.A. office (although training schedule can be flexible as needed). If volunteers have taught at J.A. before, training will be streamlined.
- All lessons are already available for the volunteers, but J.A. wants the volunteers to share personal stories about their lives and experiences to bring a fresh perspective.
- Volunteers should be recruited by late December or early January at the latest.

2. Teacher/Staff Update (Jeff Faber, Counselor)

- "Sources of Strength" is a new peer leadership program starting this year at Summit.
- Why switch from the previous Natural Helpers program?
  - Natural Helpers has limited resources since their national program no longer exists.
  - Sources of Strength is more comprehensive and evidence-based.
  - The new program easily incorporates into Summit's existing PBIS culture.
  - Common language/experiences with Woodside. WMS is a semester ahead with this program.
  - Start-up grant of \$5000 was funded by the Lutheran Foundation. Annual fees are \$500 per year.
- In August, the counselors were trained in QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) and they will train other staff members.

- Sources of Strength is a strength-based wellness program which focuses on suicide prevention, bullying, substance abuse and violence. It uses teams of peer leaders mentored by adult supervisors. Training promotes connection, hope, help and strength.
- The focus is on upstream intervention in addition to effective crisis management.
- It uses the "Wheel of Factors" (family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, mental health, spirituality) as protective factors to promote healthy coping skills, resiliency and trust/connectedness. More information can be found on the Sources of Strength website (<https://sourcesofstrength.org>).
- Next steps are a training retreat for 11 adults and 45 students from Summit in December of 2018, then ongoing training and school-wide strategic messaging campaigns beginning in January of 2019.
- Project Northland is a grade-level specific substance abuse program to be integrated into the skills program in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of this year or at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

### 3. Principal's Report

- All-School Fundraiser was a success and raised a total of \$12,000. Last year, the first year of this catalog fundraiser, \$14,000 was raised, but this year's total was still 2.5 times the typical amount from the Read-a-thon.
- There is another Flex Day on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. All Summit and Woodside teachers will meet at Summit to collaborate about software, academic lessons and creative assessments.
- At the basketball Jamboree, Summit won 3 out of 4 games against Woodside. Go Falcons!

### 4. Secretary's Report: Lara Schreck

- Minutes from last meeting were approved.
- Kroger Community Rewards: Most recent quarterly rewards were \$873.89.

### 5. Treasurer's Report: Amy Peckinpaugh

- Income (October/November):
  - Kroger Community Rewards: \$873.89 received in November.
  - Dividends totaled \$3.23.
  - Spirit Wear: \$20.00 received in November.
- Expenses (October/November):
  - Registration/Administrative Costs: \$100 for Spirit Wear cash box.
  - Teacher hospitality spent \$18.00.
  - Paid out \$889.68 so far for 2018-2019 grants.
- Current Credit Union Balance: \$11,664.11.
- All 2017-2018 grants have now been paid.

### 6. Old Business

- Grants approved at October meeting (Total: \$2613.95):
  - One-Year Subscription to Moby Max requested by Mild Disability Teachers: \$99.00
  - New Choir Folders requested by Miss Banton: \$621.50
  - iPad and Adaptor requested by Physical Education Department: \$475.00

- One-Year Subscription for NearPod requested by Computer Science Department: \$349.00
- Whiteboards, Music, Videos and Activities requested by Senora Sorg: \$98.75
- Versa Tiles requested by Math Department: \$519.70
- Special Education Equipment requested by Special Education Department: \$251.00
- Camera requested by Gator Team: \$100.00 (can be combined with Language Arts)
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- 8<sup>th</sup> grade vision screenings: One parent volunteer should be sufficient to help with the screenings next year.

## 7. New Business

- PCC meeting:
  - Calendar for 2020-2021: Board voted on a start date of August 5<sup>th</sup> with a week-long fall break
  - Planning a \$156 million remodel of Homestead as opposed to a complete rebuild. This can be accomplished without raising property taxes.
  - Redistricting: Students living in Zone 1 (area south of Liberty Mills near County Line Road) will be attending Summit instead of Woodside beginning next year. Anyone currently at Woodside has the option to stay at Woodside if they prefer. This should affect a total of about 80 students. Summit currently has about 715 students and capacity is 800.

## 8. PTO Meeting Schedule (2018-2019)

January 14  
 March 4  
 April 22

All meetings will take place in the Summit Conference Room on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.  
 Next meeting: Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
 Meeting adjourned 7:12 p.m.