

Summit Middle School PTO Meeting
March 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

Present: Erin Heck, Amy Peckinpaugh, Lara Schreck, Carrie Parrish, Jessica Nix, Josh St. John, Traci Sorg

1. Staff Representative Report: Traci Sorg (Special Areas Department Chair)

The Special Areas Departments at Summit include the following:

- 6th Grade Options: Band/Choir/Unified Block.
*New for 2018: "Independent Living" (similar to a Home Economics class) with food/nutrition/sewing. This will replace "Principles of Organization."
- 7th and 8th Grade Options: Band/Choir/Language/Multidisciplinary Courses.
*New courses: "Journalism" and "Lively Literature."
- Band: Concert March 12th at 7:00 p.m.
- Choir: Spring Musical (Little Mermaid Jr.) will be held on March 28th.
- Art: FAME Festival will be at the Grand Wayne Center on March 17-18. Art Club is available for interested students. Student art is displayed in the hallways throughout the school.
- World Languages: Spanish, French, and Latin are offered. Students complete the 1st semester of a world language in 7th grade and the 2nd semester in 8th grade for high school credit.
- PLTW: Computer Science Curriculum
- Technology Education: Students study engineering concepts including building prototypes for toys to be used by children with Cerebral Palsy.
- Life Skills: The students learn valuable skills to apply to their daily lives.
- P.E.: 6th grade (6 weeks), 7th grade (6 weeks), 8th grade (one semester). The curriculum emphasizes growth mindset.

Sra. Sorg agreed to share her Powerpoint with Janel to be posted on the Summit website.

2. Principal's Report: Josh St. John

- February 9th was a Teacher In-Service Day for professional development. Summit and Woodside teachers met at Woodside for structured collaboration. The department coordinators got together to compare goals, standards, etc. The objective was to develop common assessments and experiences, align curriculums, and set goals for the future.
- Grading/Assessment: The district would like grades to reflect what students know and can do vs. grading based on behaviors. ***"Parent Academies" meetings will take place in the Homestead Community Room (enter Door #1) on Monday, March 12th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 13th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. All parents in the district are welcome to attend.***
- New Computers: This is the final year for the current middle school computers. A team of teachers and administrators has been actively investigating devices and the options are narrowed down to either an iPad with a keyboard or an HP laptop.

3. Secretary Report: Lara Schreck
 - Minutes from last meeting were emailed, approved and uploaded to the website.
 - Kroger Rewards: Check has been received for the 4th quarter in the amount of \$1,031.91.
4. Treasurer Report: Amy Peckinpaugh
 - Income: Received \$1,031.91 from Kroger Rewards and \$3.77 from Credit Union dividends.
 - Expenses: Paid \$284.10 for Teacher Hospitality in January/February.
 - Current Credit Union Balance: \$12,396.61.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Grade Level Awards
 - PTO will contribute \$500 for award certificates and provide volunteers to sort certificates into individual student folders before the award ceremonies in May.
 - b. 8th Grade End of Year Party (Jennifer Shaw)
 - New name will be "8th Grade Send Off" with the theme "Circus Spectacular."
 - For an entrance fee of \$10, the students will receive 2 slices of pizza, dessert, and a drink. The party will take place on May 18th and there will be a DJ, concession stand, and possibly an organized dodgeball tournament. Dr. St. John offered to discuss details about the tournament with Jennifer Shaw.
6. New Business:
 - a. GRANTS for 2017-2018
 - i. Janice Murray: \$129 for 30 white boards
 - ii. Traci Sorg: \$95.32 for Spot It games
 - iii. Julia Miller: \$208.04 for Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Conference
 - iv. Ben Moore: \$621.68 for High Interest/Low Ability Books
 - v. Teachers of Mild Disabilities: \$297 for one-year subscription for MobyMax
 - vi. Paul Kennell: \$183 for 15 copies of Road Atlas
 - vii. Morris/Tackett: \$380 for 3 Snap Circuits Extreme Kits/5 Snap Circuits Jr. Kits
 - viii. Deb Gavette: \$222.35 for Dry Erase boards with coordinate graph on back side/MIRAs/MobyMax

All grants were approved and the board agreed to add a lunch allowance for Ms. Miller's conference. Total Amount approved: \$2,156.39.

When added to previously approved grant proposals for this school year (\$740),
TOTAL Grants Approved for 2017-2018: \$2896.39.

Board agreed to conduct grant reviews/approvals in the fall of 2018 instead of waiting until spring to give teachers the majority of the school year to utilize the funds.

- b. Board Positions for 2018-2019: OPEN: President, Vice President.
Jessica Nix has expressed interest in the Board President position for next year.

Next meeting: Monday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Summit Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.