



Meeting Minutes

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP PTO

Date: October 10, 2023 Location: STAC Dance Room

Meeting Called To Order By: Rocklyn Time: 6:30pm

Attendance: 108



Welcome & Introductions

President - Rocklyn Petrizzi - OA school liaison

Vice President - Jennifer Manochio - MCK school liaison

Treasurer - Katie Schrock - INT school liaison

Corresponding Secretary - Bonnie Strouse - OXY school liaison

Recording Secretary - Christine Holt - PLC school liaison



Superintendent's Comments

George Chidiac:

Introduced new administrators and talked about the new curriculum - Study Sync - a language arts program in line with Southern, LinkIt! - a new program that tracks students' assessments.



Stafford participates in esports league.

Transportation is dealing with a nationwide driver shortage and he thanks everyone for their patience. New app coming out in October that is a system where parents can track where the student's bus is en route.

The website will be updated and will be rolled out next August.

The school board is in consultation with the school architect. Look out next year for a referendum for an overwhelming demand for preschool.



Administration Comments

Introduced Mrs. Hope Zaun as the new Intermediate school principal by George Chidiac . Mrs. Zaun talked about all of the special events the school has been doing and planning. She also talked about how the school is broken up into 4 teams and competing for points to help encourage good behavior. She talked about the upcoming Trunk or Treat, the 4th & 5th grade The Music Man Musical performing on 10/23, 10/24 & 10/25. The 6th grade musical is coming soon and the parent meeting for that will be 10/18.



Mrs. Eberle was introduced. She talked about events McKinley had so far and the including the Lead U assembly, the Spanish Dance, The Fun Run that raised over \$9,000 and Make a Difference Day.



Mrs Bush, representing Ocean Acres, read a note from the principal that talked about the kick off assembly that talked about the school rules and thanking the PTO.

Ms. Dawn Reo, principal of PLC, thanked the PTO for the open house balloons, having a t-shirt spirit wear sale at the open house, the ice cream social and the nurse's clothes. She also announced that the Halloween parade will be at 12:30.



Mr. Bill Wilkinson, the preschool Early Childhood Director, talked about the upcoming events including the class pictures on the 18th, the preschool parent meeting on the 24th and the halloween parade at 9:30am on the 31st.

Trisha from the STAC presented some of the upcoming events in the theater for all to purchase tickets for and attend.



Treasurer's Report

Katie reported:
started the school year off with \$83,262.40

Balance as of today (10/10/23) \$75,263.31

The report was approved by Cassandra and Melissa at the meeting.



Correspondence

Bonnie reported that the PTO did not receive any correspondence this month.

Membership



Jen reported that we have received memberships for 398 families and 133 staff members, totalling 528 members. She reminded everyone to join and that if you join it does not mean you have to participate if you are unable to and the \$6 membership fee is going to help and work with the schools and students. Rocklyn announced the membership drawing and Katie ran the randomizer on the computer and announced the winner was #310=Melissa Papaycik for a Wawa Gift Card.

Upcoming Events



Halloween Parties will be on 10/31 at Oxy, PLC and OA.
Trunk or Treat will be on 10/31 (with a rain date of 11/1) at MCK and INT.
McKinley and Intermediate parents are needed for Candy Sorting for the Trunk or Treat on 10/25 from 9-11am.

Class parents reach out to the teachers/schools for party times.

Halloween parade times are as follows:
OXY @ 9:30am PLC @ 12:30pm OA @ 1:30pm MCK/INT @ 10:30am



Fundraisers

Rocklyn talked about **Dine to Donate**. It is a monthly fundraiser with a different place to go get something to eat and the establishment gives back to the PTO. October is the first one this year and it is this Thursday 10/12 at Pietros. Please go out for some food and show them the flier.

Rocklyn talked about the **Chef's Tour Fundraiser** that is planned for 12/9/23. Biggest fundraiser for the PTO.

- We need volunteers to help with wrapping the gift baskets the first week of December and after the December meeting. We also need volunteers the day/night of the event for people to transport baskets to and from homes, to be gift runners and 2 people at each location (a total of 18) to help out at the homes/locations on the tour.
- Tickets go on sale tomorrow, Wednesday, 10/11 and there will be a drawing for everyone that purchases their tickets by 11/3 for a Jitney rental. The PTO will go Live on Facebook to do the drawing and announce the winner. Ticket Sales will be capped at 400 attendees and they can only be purchased online.
- Letters are going out this week for Grade Level Donations. Each grade will have a theme to work off of to send in to help us make baskets for the event.

Spiritwear website sales have closed and all purchases will be sent home with the students the week before November break.

Rocklyn talked about the fundraiser of **Bin Cleaning**. She thanked them for it and said we are going to see about doing it again in the Spring.

Miscellaneous

Bonnie talked about **Nurse Donations**. She reached out to the nurses in all 5 schools and they let her know what their needs were for clothing for the schools (ie underwear, socks, leggings, etc). The PTO purchased and dropped off all needs. Also, McKinley needs gently used sneakers size 13-7. Please drop off if you have any.



Brittany was the chairperson for the **Ice Cream Social** and talked about it. She said that Ashley donates all the ice cream, they had a local photographer come and bring a prop. Honor society students also helped scoop ice cream. It was a great day!

Classroom Coordinators



Katie talked about the packets and rules. Each packet contains

- Sample Letters to use
- Class Rosters



- Please email the parents in the classroom
- You can not replace yourself for a party spot. Every child deserves a parent to come if they can/want to.
- Parade Raindate is 11/1 for Halloween.
- Collections: email the class parents for all supplies needed. We used to not allow money collections but as of last year the district approved it. If you do a collection all kids in the class must be listed on the card regardless of who contributes or not.
- Money collections can only be done twice a year.

General Building Rules

- Generally 4 parents plus room parents. Self-contained might want less parents - just ask.
- Ask teachers about taking pictures and kids that are not allowed to be photographed.
- The rosters they are receiving are confidential. You can not share any information.
- Allergies - ask and be respectful. Try to work with the parent.
- Follow the rules so the parents/parties are not taken away.



Next Meeting

General Meeting is on Tuesday, 11/14/23 at 9:30am in the Dance Room.