

Phoenix PTSA Meeting

1/10/24

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Opening – Gretchen Dinneen
 - Meeting called to order at 6:36pm
- Principal's Minute – Dr. Flynn
 - 8th Grade Parent Forum – principals from each High School answer questions and it kicks off the scheduling system. In next two weeks there will be High school visits and Family Nights.
 - Application window for current 6th graders is this Friday (1/12/24). There are a few events for this night. Students can opt to do Discovery Night for their Discovery Day. The Phoenix lottery is the day before Spring Break.
 - It's My Business – a business immersion day for seventh graders on Monday, 3/4/24 through Junior Achievement. Highlights include creating your own Shark Tank activity and pitching at the end of the day. We do need about 3 dozen volunteers for the day to be judges and lead activities. There will be a small training for the volunteers just before the event. 8th graders do Biztown later in the year. There is a possibility to have 8th graders be judges for their Discovery Day – staff will talk about it in their next meeting.
 - On 3/5/24, Ohio author Mindy McGinnis will visit for an all-day immersion day. There will be a writing workshop and a bonus writing workshop for interested students.
 - Boston trip is also that week, 3/4/24-3/8/24.
 - State of the Schools will be 3/13/24 in person. You can learn about what's going on in the district.
- Treasurer's Report – Lela Walker
 - Will email beginning/ending balances.
 - PTSA memberships coming in.
 - \$788.47 expenditure including winter canteen and staff appreciation.
 - Canteen – PTSA brought in Little Caesar's and the event went really well. It was run by teachers during the day.
- Dine to Donate Update – Dodd Alley
 - Rusty Bucket – amount TBD.
 - Chipotle - \$158.37
 - 2/7/24 – Jet's Pizza in Old Worthington – 10% of profits will go to Phoenix.
 - 3/20/24 – City Barbecue at Polaris – 20% of profits will go to Phoenix.
 - Pizza Primo/Porch Growler – we have yet to schedule it. It will also serve as a Meet and Greet for 6th grade parents.
- Staff Appreciation Update – Chandra Demick
 - Adopt a Staff Member went really well and we had volunteers for each staff member. Gretchen will check in with Chrissy to make sure everyone was given something.
 - We will have a similar system for Teacher Appreciation week in April.
- Teacher Requests

- o Jennifer Gafford is requesting funds for Dia de Amore (celebrating Valentine's Day). She brings in dance instructors to teach the kids how to salsa. The group wants ~\$300 but we are waiting for a quote.
- o Micah Hudson is requesting \$35 for another game (Abduktion) for Board Game club and Creative Option.
- o Mr. Hall is requesting funds for latch hooking (Friday Creative Option class). Kits cost between \$12-\$20 each. He can send links to Gretchen and she can purchase.
- o Motion to approve all three teacher requests of ~\$450: Jenn moved and Dodd seconded.
- Upcoming Events – Gretchen Dinneen
 - o 3/6/24 – Discovery Night - need parent volunteers.
 - o 3/16/24 – Open House – kids leading tours; need a couple parent volunteers.
 - o 4/8/24 – potential early close for Eclipse. Dr. Flynn will notify us by March 1st.
 - o 4/12/24 – evening Canteen - need parent volunteers.
 - o 4/27/24 – Phoenix Fair on Saturday. We need a handful of volunteers but will also have kids helping. There is an event coordinator. Gretchen will order new signage.
 - o 5/9/24 – Incoming sixth graders will come in that morning. PTSA paid for breakfast.
 - o May Evening of Excellence – 8th grade; cookies and water. Students share their experience in Phoenix.
 - o Student-led conferences with 7th graders. They lead the conference with parents and teachers.
 - o Impact Projects – need to start preparing. Will need a separate meeting to decide on projects.
 - o PTAC always need parents to read scholarship applications. Takes about 1 to 1.5 hours. Shoot Jenn an email with contact information.
- Schedule February's Meeting
 - o 2/7/24 – Zoom at 6:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.