

October 15, 2018 PTA Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Principal's Report

- A few weeks ago, Louise Archer received the VIP board of education excellence award.
- Walk to school day was a great success
- This was our 38th year sending our 6th graders to Camp Highroads.
- Jamestown was last week, the 4th graders had a lot of fun
- More people have joined twitter and followed Louise Archer
- Salad bar has started. There are several items that are very popular with the students
- End of quarter is in a few weeks. Parent Teacher conferences are being scheduled, but it is optional

Treasurer's Report

- Membership is up this year
- There was a big refund on the yearbooks
- Spent \$4000 more than last year.
- Purchased Brian Pop software license for the students

President's Report & Program Announcements

- **Spirit Wear**
 - Fall free shipping of Spirit Wear will be Friday, October 26-Monday, November 12.
- **6th Grade Dinner**
 - We were able to get 7 people to volunteer, but need many more volunteers for the celebration to be a success
- **Minigrants**
 - Every year we have a budget for Minigrants, and we request teachers to submit proposals. A committee then meets to review the proposals, and determines which proposals are granted
 - This year, we received more requests than budgeted. Most items were funded, and some items that were not, are being re-reviewed. The minigrant process requires continual review and follow up
 - Mary F Requested the PTA to increase next year's budget from \$10k to \$15k
 - This was called to a vote, and the motion passed
 - We will also work with teachers with how to use the \$100 supply budget for efficiently
- **Membership**

- As of 10/15/2018, we have 281 PTA members (\$2275) and 215 PTA donors (\$8865). We have to pay VA/National dues and FFX County dues by 11/1/2018 and 12/1/2018.
- **Directory**
 - We are currently printing the directory, so we should have printed directories delivered to LAES by late this week/early next week. Doug will need help distributing them for Tuesday folders (he will be out of town all next week). The online directory is up and functional (AtoZ), so everyone (parents, etc.) can use the online directory (provided you have an AtoZ login).
- **Dining for Dollars**
 - Next Dining for Dollars at Fosters Grille on 10/19 from 11-9. Put your detailed receipt in the yellow box, so the PTA can earn 20%
 - November Dining for Dollars will be at Chipotle on 11/14
- **Walking Wednesdays**
 - Walking Wednesdays go until 11/14. Please sign up on the signup genius to help out
- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - We will be stocking the fridge for the 11/5-6 teacher work day. A sign up genius will be going out for items through the sunbeam
 - There will be information going out soon to all the room parents
- **Book Fair**
 - Gearing up for the book fair. We will have a sign up genius for volunteers to set up and help students with the books, and especially Sock Hop night
 - Need about 55 vouchers for underprivileged students. We will be removing the dollar limit, and just limiting to 1 book. The funds will be via the Azzarra fund
- **Sock Hop**
 - Is Friday, 11/9 from 6-9, it's a fundraiser for the 6th Grade Celebration, and the 6th graders will wait the table, and parents give tips that go toward the 6th grade celebration
- **Box Tops**
 - We have about \$170 in box tops so far, the deadline is 11/1, there's a reminder in the sunbeam. There's a large pink mailbox, for kids to drop off box tops
- **Pizza Bingo**
 - Will be on Friday, 2/8
 - There will be some changes.
 - Typically there's a silent auction, which we are changing from in person, to online. We are going to use 32auctions.com. We will most likely kick off or end the auction at pizza bingo, but it will be open for 1 month. This change will make it fair to those who can't make the event, and reduce the chaos in the gym.
 - Silent auction will include teacher gifts and outside business donations. If you know of a business that would like to donate, we will be happy to accept. Or ideas, please share.
 - We will also be moving the baked goods from Gym to the Cafeteria, where the baked goods can be selected after winning the raffle, but picked up before leaving at the end of the night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm