

ST. CHARLES NORTH PTO MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2015

In Attendance:

Abbe Gunnink, Sign-up Genius
Ellen Salyards, Co-President
Audra Christenson, Principal
Jane Harland, Co-President
Steph Porteous, Vice-President
Babita Panchal, Co-Treasurer
Jenny Montgomery, Secretary
Laura Thomas
Karen Smith
Brian Callahan

Meeting commenced by Co-Presidents at 9:00am

Today's quote to start the meeting:

“Sweat is the perfume of success”

* Secretary's report by Jenny Montgomery:

Amend and submit last month's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

A quick summary on how things are going with Sign-up Genius and MailChimp. Abbe and Jenny have found a formula to get the word out and it's working.

* Treasurer's Report by Babita Panchal:

Financial statements were distributed as were previous month's transactions, all were reviewed. Treasure's report was approved.

We would like to know what options are out there in regards to money back programs. We know of Target, Meijers, Lands End and others but would like to see if we are missing any. It would also be beneficial to have those programs posted on the website for people to access easily. Laura Thomas will look into different programs available. Regardless of where the money goes to, we are hoping to reiterate the message that we are all "on the same side". All working for one school.

*President's Report by Jane Harland and Ellen Salyards:

Ellen reviewed our PTO's mission statement and reminded us to keep those in mind while making the decisions throughout the year.

We will continue the meeting time as scheduled for the time being to give both night/day a couple of chances, then it will be reviewed.

*Principal's Report by Audra Christenson:

Homecoming Summary: Participation during the week of Homecoming was fantastic. And it was great to see how involved all classes were. The freshman class really made a great effort as well. It was great to see them get really involved already. Over 1,440 attended the dance. An all time high. There was the issue of delay for some students getting into the dance but this is because of District procedures with administrators having to check in all the students. A very important (yet time consuming) component. All in all, Homecoming was a success!

Parent/Teacher conferences are in November and an email sign-up will be sent out.

The Principal will be meeting with Mr. Kyle and Mr. Blainey regarding communication issues throughout the district. Audra can report back to us regarding this next month.

Veteran's day concert is 11/11 at 6:30.

Friday, October 9th is a SIP day for the district. Again, Principal Christenson extended the invitation to see what takes place on these days for those interested.

Pizza with the Principal has been a great success so far. There have been two held already and more planned.

There is a home football game this Friday and next Friday is away at East and will hold the Kick-a-thon. There have been a number of great sporting events that have supported Cancer Awareness month.

* Brian Callahan attended the meeting on behalf of the school newspaper, The Stargazer. He wanted to first extend his gratitude for getting the paper out into the community. He also let us know that 4 of his senior members will be traveling to Orlando and was wondering if we had any money to help support their trip. We hope that his club will take advantage of the PapaNicholas fund raiser as a way of raising funds. We also brainstormed other ideas. Some of the ways clubs can generate funds is through the Student Council or the student store.

*Vice-President's report: Stephanie Porteous

Stephanie gave an update on where we are with the PapaNicholas Fundraiser. We all received an order form and made plans on the best way to get this message out. We are hoping for success!

* A DPTO summary was given from last May's DPTO meeting.

* Kim Klebe has agreed to take on Teacher Conference Dinners

* Project Polaris Dance Marathon will take place on February 27th, 2016. We have been asked to find 10 people who could volunteer the night of the event. We will do a sign-up genius as the date gets closer.

*"We discussed the option of the Manna gift card fundraiser and have decided to put it on hold until we see the outcome of PapaNicholas's coffee results"

*Meeting adjourned at 11:15am