



ST. CHARLES NORTH PTO MEETING

Date: November 10, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Laura Thomas, Board President/Board Treasurer
Alan DeFelice, Board Vice President
Linda Rutishauser, Secretary
Audra Christenson, Principal
Brenna Ohlson, North Liaison
Bella Rybialek, Student Council Liaison
4 additional parent attendees

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The PTO website is currently being updated. PTO newsletter went out yesterday.

Lou Malnati's fundraiser is tomorrow with 50% of the proceeds going to the American Veterans Society.

Chair positions are still needed, especially for next school year. If interested, please check out the PTO website volunteer page and email Laura @ LauraRThomas@att.net.

PTO has been providing something to the teachers monthly as a show of appreciation and for positive encouragement. 50 families submitted a note for teachers in September to include on PTO poster board; it is displayed at school and there is also a picture on the PTO website. Many additional families sent individual notes directly to their student's teachers.

In early November, teacher grant applications have gone out and we are currently working on December hospitality for all staff.

FINANCIALS

October expenditures reviewed. PTO provided care packages for teacher/parent/student conferences \$1,060.42; Halloween hospitality \$189.10; Poster board supplies for the teacher gratitude \$24.23.

October revenue included \$120.00 in additional PTO dues and \$63.00 received from the August Buona Beef restaurant fundraiser weekend

Full financial reports are available at any time upon request.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin 11/30/20. The counselors will be presenting next week in each of the English classes. Current students will be meeting with the students as follows:

1. **Freshman – November 30th to December 4th**
2. **Sophomores – December 7th to December 11th** (the week after will be a catch-up week for anyone who missed their meetings on the designated dates)
3. **Juniors – January 5th to January 8th** (the week after will be a catch-up week for anyone who missed their meetings on the designated dates)

Early College Credit night will be held virtually on December 1st. This is primarily for Sophomores and Juniors.

Future freshman night will be held virtually on January 14, 2021.

Communication is high priority. Lead teachers will be communicating with families, via email and phone, especially those who have students that may be struggling.

Peer tutoring has begun on Wednesday nights. Students can reach out to their teachers or reach out to Scott Von Essen and he can help coordinate a tutor.

Meals – Students are encouraged to take the meals that are being provided at school. These are being funded by the Federal government and not the school district.

#D303thankful campaign, which is a way to express gratitude on social media or on Let's Talk is going on now. There are note cards available for teachers to utilize.

Audra is sending out the link to the Polaris Express to every parent and every student on Fridays as it contains valuable and current information to read.

Veterans Day Celebration will still be held on November 11th but will be done virtually.

Blue Fan Group continues with Spirit days; "Blue Out" is this Wednesday and Friday. The week of November 16h is "Hat Day".

Remote learning planning day for teachers was yesterday. There were a number of workshops including technology skills, way to engage students in online learning, and social/emotion connections.

Technology purchases for the teachers included headsets with microphones. The BOE purchased the "Owl" that will be in the classrooms. This device acts as a microphone, speaker and as the video recording of the class so it can be live streamed.

Attendance – August 90% of students had intended to use the hybrid method, early October it was 80% and now it is about 70%. Of the 70%, not all students are attending on their in-person day. New attendant code "AH", which indicates the student is attending class at home. This will allow the school to know who is in the building on a daily basis.

Learning mode for next semester is due Friday November 13th.

COVID-19 case numbers by school can be found at the bottom of the district website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bella Rybialek, Student Council**
 - Fall fest went well
 - Student body President will be releasing the November edition of the “Jess Press” soon
- **Jenny Montgomery – DPTO (via Laura Thomas)**
 - Lunch program has been extended through June; any student can pick up a lunch.
 - Mitigation changes announced by Governor Pritzker does not apply to schools, but does apply to meetings.
 - “Wake Up Call” will be held again this year date TBD.
 - School district board has positions open and packets are available, elections are in April.
- **Brenna Ohlson – Teacher/PTO Liaison (via Laura Thomas)**
 - Hosting “Life After High School” via Zoom this Thursday, November 12th.
 - Counselors will be meeting with students after the Thanksgiving holiday
 - Recommends reading the CCR newsletter sent out each week which contain a lot of valuable information for all grade level.

Upcoming dates

November 11, 2020 Lou Malnati’s Fundraiser All Day

December 8, 2020 North Registration University (**Date Tentative**)

December 11th and 12th Buona Beef Fundraiser All Day

NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Zoom | Parent University - Registration

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM

EXECUTIVE PTO MEETING

The Board reviewed and approved October financials.