



Bryan Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Caroline Nero, Dianne Schenkenberg, Emily DeSanto, Kate Prasse, Andrea San Luis, Morgan Gwillim, Meghan Hood

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of September 2024 Minutes:

Bryan Middle School Administration Update

- **Jacque Discipio (Bryan Principal)**

- Girls basketball finishing up the season
- First week of November - mock election on Monday, no school Tuesday.
- Veteran's Day assembly on 11/11
- 6th and 7th grades will start their core selection planning for next year
- 8th to 9th grade transition blast coming soon re: course selection for next year
- Great start to the year: attendance up/referrals are down
- Friday 9/25 - 8th graders visiting the Tech Center of DuPage (half day program for high school students that enable them to receive certifications in a variety of programs: health sciences, HVAC, hair/makeup, fire program etc)

Executive Board Reports

- **Treasurer - Meghan Hood**

- Where do we stand financially if we do not make at least \$6500 in raffle sales? We need to make a minimum of \$4000 to stay on budget
- Overall we are doing well with staying on budget, but we may need to start cutting sales tax reimbursement. Things we need to think about regarding reimbursements - do we only reimburse what was budgeted?
- How we may save some money: Activities - all activities have been given 100 dollars, so we may have more money if all the clubs don't use all their budgeted funds and Fall speaker - hoping PTA counsel will take over fall speaker
- Biggest Need - Calendar Raffle - need to sell more calendars!
- Some changes in the budget - A few subscriptions went up in prices. The Social Work assembly went over a little bit.

- Meghan – is going to research debit cards and amazon tax free accounts for PTA. Should we set up a Bryan PTA amazon account (tax free)? Should we get a debit card?
- Where can we make cuts to budget and save money - Social Events/ Fun Fridays may need to be cut from 4 times a year to two. Previously, parents made lunch fun with snacks and a raffle ticket. But, with food allergies/liability issues, food isn't a great idea. Should we do themed raffles: York spiritwear? Amazon gift cards? 7-11? Should we cut down to two days vs. four? Before Christmas break and before spring break?
- **Membership- Dianne/Morgan**
 - After update - Two people signed up for the PTA
 - Should we send a blanket email to people who haven't signed up for the PTA
 - 73% of 6th grade parents have joined the PTA
 - Social events help increase membership and Mr. Sanderson is helping get people joined
 - Dianne and Morgan – set up sixth grade and 8th grade storefronts for social events. This coming Monday, Dianne will send out a signup genius via memberhub for the 6th grade parents
- **Vice-President- Andrea San Luis**
 - Working on grade level socials 6th grade – 11/11
 - (Sky zone is getting really expensive. May think about a different activity in the future)
 - 7th grade – Holiday movie night in December
 - 8th grade – Tailgate @ York
 - Future planning – in the spring think about planning activities for the fall
 - Zoom calls – for specific events to make things more efficient for individual event planning purposes
- **President - Kate Prasse**
 - Thank you to Jeanne and Mary – Tailgate was a success! We had lots of food and the kids had fun.
 - Only snafu was the signup genius. The signup genius never shut down, so kids were able to continue to sign up after the “end time.”
 - Signup genius – silver plan, which will have an end date on the signup genius and prevent future issues.
- **Committee Chair Reports**
 - Veterans Day – need volunteers @6:45
 - Figuring menu items
 - Seventh Grade Social – signup will go live in four weeks (December 3 is the event date)

PTA Involved Student Activity Updates

- Food in-school in lunchroom events. Food will have ingredient lists and parents can see food item lists
- 8th grade info night @ York 11/12
 - Dr. Rubicheck will explain how honors classes will be set up/Now not everyone will be recommended into honors. You must be exceeding standards in order to be considered for an honors class.
 - Foreign language – only high school foreign language only considered for college
- Boat Trip – finalized that/ District is going to negotiate the contract for all three schools and let the pta know what they owe
- Dance class member payments – each member will be pay the dance class instructor directly via instructor's quickbooks link

PTA Work Items

- Calendar Raffle- Please get family and neighbors to buy tickets
- Anyone want to help at Veteran's Day breakfast

New Business

- Reality of budget if we do not make more on the raffle
- Fun Friday Process- no food allowed
- Vote on Fun Friday- Vote on how many events ? What should be offered? Vote on how much money for events?
- Vote on no more food (Morgan G./ Meghan H.motion) – everyone in favor
- Vote on two times a year with gc and York gear (\$540 per semester to spend on gift cards and apparel) (Caroline N. and Meghan H. motion) – everyone in favor
- Next PTA Meeting, November 20, 1:30 p.m.
- Adjourn (Dianne S. and Morgan G. motion)

Adjournment