

Pioneer PTSO Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023, 7pm

Attending: Liz Kolb, Jill Anderson, Jenni Wilkening, Michele Loewe, Jill Schloff, Dani Jones, Laura Houk, Mary Jane Worden, Laura Florence, Laura McEwan, Rachel Robinson, Lauren Hill, Bethany Williston, David Russell, Amy Frontier, Kelly Cleland

1. President/VP Update/Welcome— Jill & Jodi

- Called to order at 6:59 by Jill Anderson
- Minutes approved
- Gloria Kim emailed to ask if PTSO would be interested in a presentation about foster parenting – not interested, but will put her in contact with Counseling
- Need volunteers to do ice cream parties for sophomores and juniors

2. Principal's Report—Mr. Desmond Smith - absent - notes for admin:

- Can remove Senior Checklist from weekly emails since dates have passed
- Were kids turned away from homecoming? staff reported yes. PTSO is able to pay for any student to attend homecoming, prom, bon voyage. No one should be excluded due to inability to pay.
- Inappropriate 9th grade Halloween movie "American Horror Story"

3. Student Input Update—absent

4. Grocery Program— Rachel Robinson

- Looking for input on publicizing grocery program
- Proceeds used for Bon Voyage
- Info distributed at conferences and freshmen registration
- Include in Mr. Smith's weekly email
- Call it "Ann Arbor Pioneer PTSO" instead of "All Night Party"

5. Bon Voyage— Dani, Laura, Jill S & Lindsay

- Committee meeting in October - new parents suggested marketing the party better so parents and students will know what it is
- Tickets are for sale
 - during lunch multiple days
 - during English classes (updated slide sent)
 - flash sale next Monday and Tuesday for \$50 before price goes up
 - fundraising team put together an amazon wish list that went out in Mr. Smith's weekly email (will send links)
 - no students will be turned away - students see counselor for scholarship - right now flyer says see Dr. Hyliard but this will be changed
 - need a treasurer, Carmen wishes to step away asap
 - need parents to shadow this year to step in for senior parents at party
 - need underclass parents to volunteer for prep and at party

6. Proposed budget and treasurer's report— Michele and Mary Jane

- Budget emailed to board members
 - YTD up \$9,600 from last year

- \$50,000 in savings
- Down donations ~\$2,500 compared with year end 2022, expect to be even by end of 2023
- Last year spent \$3,400 more than we brought in
 - Chartwells
 - Website
- Discretionary expenses will be budgeted more specifically than in the past
- Transitioning to QR codes and away from checks
- Pass through expenses will be noted
- Budget approved unanimously
- Giving Tuesday Flier - Laura McEwan
 - Includes QR codes for Sign Up Geniuses
 - Bon Voyage
 - General PTSO Fund
 - Staff Holiday Gift Cards - See Staff Appreciation
 - Student Holiday Food Cards for families in need

7. Teacher Update—Jenni

- Thank you notes to PTSO for coffee grant
- Funding requests
 - Sansbury - Debate Club - \$250 - denied - suggest seat cushions fundraiser
 - Leach - \$3,400 - denied
 - Workman - \$190 - reimburse for seeds spent this year plus planning ahead for next year (funds 2 years) - approved
 - Powell - \$50 - reading contest in library
 - Fitzgerald - \$822 - restart newspaper in print addition - post-covid
 - total cost \$2,000, asking PTSO for \$822
 - is this an annual ask?
 - can they better market the electronic version?
 - 1800 copies 4x per year, dropped off in 5th hour classes
 - approved funding this year but please work on marketing yourself next year like Impact literary magazine
 - Funding for transportation for Trailblazers elementary kids - denied
 - Frontier - \$185 - bagels for substantial snack before performance field trip that returns late for lunch - approved but ask parents to donate next time

8. Spirit Wear — Mary Jane -Opening for Holiday - Mary Jane will send to Jenni to get going

9. Staff Appreciation — Bethany, Lindsay & Kelly

- Holiday staff appreciation - Staff Holiday Gift Cards
 - Bethany will do sign up genius for gift cards and candy
 - Will include link to QR code to square sign

10. PTOC-Laura - One PTOC meeting so far regarding equity - block out time in a future meeting to discuss - January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Houk, Secretary.