**Pioneer PTSO Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 2023, 7pm**

Attending: Jill Anderson, Jenni Wilkening, Michele Loewe, Jill Schloff, Laura Florence, Laura Houk, Dani Jones, Liz Kolb, Lindsay Vlasak, Manuela Diaz-Castro, Amy Frontier, Laura McEwan, Desmond Smith, Rachel Robinson, Jodi Wilkins, Bethany Williston, Mary Jane Worden, Natalie Torrentz (Absent: Lynne Pauer)

7:01 Meeting called to order.

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

2. Principal’s Report—Mr. Desmond Smith

* Introduction
* Capsule Night tomorrow September 12
* Appreciate parent help at Registration
* Stressing punctuality among students
* Parents appreciate regular communication from Principal
* Club lunches will start in the next couple of weeks
  + Will do 2 lunches
  + Will do a run through with a Club Fair - Club Reps must attend
  + Will update bell schedule
* Homecoming
  + Need Access Code to buy tickets - Student ID
  + Admin to advise PTSO of Homecoming volunteer needs
  + Will ask teachers to help out
  + Will offer paid time to hourly employees
  + How do we verify if people have passed background checks for volunteering?
  + Avoid having police in building, not well-received by students at Bon Voyage (parking lot ok)

3. Student input update—Natalie Torrentz & Manuela Diaz-Castro, Co-Chairs of Action Team

* Communication from Mr. Smith is very helpful, students appreciate being informed
* Opportunities for Action Team and Student Council to work together
  + President of Student Council is on Action Team
  + Planning to improve collaboration

4. Proposed budget and treasurer’s report—Michele and Mary Jane

* See Treasurer’s Report
* Consider moving Spirit Wear sales to the School Store (Marketing Classes)
  + Will vote next month whether to continue selling from PTSO
* Ask for donations at Capsule Night - Jenni Wilkening and Amy Frontier

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

* Carmen will stay on as Treasurer for Bon Voyage until they find someone else
* First meeting Monday
* Need more parents to help, especially underclass parents to learn the ropes before the Senior parents leave after this year
* PTSO donations needed, corporate donations were difficult
  + Last year PTSO donated $5,000
  + Bon Voyage asking for $7,500 from PTSO this year
  + Increasing ticket prices, tiers for early and late pricing
  + PTSO pays for all scholarship tickets
  + 65% of Seniors attended last year (304)
  + Previous to covid was self-funded and 80% attendance

6. Teacher Update—Jenni

* Funding requests
  + Spanish books - approved
  + Self-contained coffee service - approved
  + PiHi Info - approved
  + German kahoot - Jenni will follow up to see if Kahoot+ is needed
  + Bookshelves - approved
* Wagongate
  + This Thursday before football game (Thursday due to Rosh Hashanah)
  + Concern that many freshmen can’t attend due to other sports
  + Jill S. will pick up food from Gordon’s
  + Class T-shirts will be distributed

7. Staff Appreciation—Bethany, Lindsay & Kelly

* First day of school snacks and welcome, how to ask for funding requests
* Staff request snacks for staff meetings - donuts and cider for October 25
* Kelly Cleland is new co-chair

8. PTOC-Laura F.

* First meeting coming up
* Needs help completing member survey - Jill A.

9. Grocery Program—Rachel Robinson

* Will work with Heather Cavanaugh to review past activities

10. Other topics

* Activities for Seniors - Jenni will check with Dr. Hyliard on what is planned

9.00 Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting October 9.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Houk, Secretary.