

Pioneer PTSO minutes from meeting on 10/9/23

Meeting began at 7:03pm. Three people attended via Zoom: Principal Desmond Smith, Dani Jones and Lindsay Vlasak.

Minutes approved from last meeting.

We need a treasurer for Bon Voyage.

PTSO VP (Jodi Wilkins) communicating with those who signed up to volunteer by making sure all sign-up geniuses are emailed to them directly.

Principal Smith spoke via zoom: Homecoming was good. Juniors take the PSAT this Wednesday (two days from now). Cones in clock tower driveway are here to stay and are here for safety. Staffing- we are needing teacher assistants and one office professional. We have roughly 80 clubs at Pioneer. Next Wednesday, 10/18, is Club Day. Parent feedback on Homecoming: some parents were unsure of what to do. One woman spent an hour in the bathroom thinking there should be a bathroom monitor. We need clearer instructions. Some parents were overwhelmed. Maybe have a parent meeting 10-15 minutes before each shift to go over instructions. Need to advertise time that students will not be allowed to enter after.

Treasurer Report from Mary Jane. Big discussion of changing the way the budget has been tracked/displayed. Percentages vs line items. Goal: never touch savings account, then you have next year's budget available if something awful happens. We are not ready to vote on a budget today. Over 30 minutes spent with budget/treasurer talking. We voted on moving budget to line item budget that tracks previous years. Will get more specific in the future. All voted yes, including Jill S, Laura McE and Jodi.

Dani via Zoom for Bon Voyage. \$4,000 from Pioneer's grocery scrip program goes straight to BV. Last year was the first year BV came to PTSO to ask for additional funds. BV cost \$33,000 last year. Ticket sales brought in \$16K-\$17K last year. Ticket prices have been raised by \$10 this year. Zero ticket sales to date for this year's event. It's more expensive to run a big event than in the past. Can PTSO give \$5K this year, but not necessarily commit to giving that amount every year or making it a line item? PTSO grocery and \$5K totals almost a third of the cost of the entire event. Vote taken to give the \$5K just this year. All said yes. We requested a BV report at end of the year to give specifics on where the money is spent.

Jenni W with requests. Jessie Hieber requesting \$240 is gift cards. Voted yes. Jeff Kass requesting \$250 for speakers coming in for presentation. Voted yes. Mel requesting \$489 for 2 carts for PTSO goods that come to main office. We are thinking a permanent solution would be better than carts. There may be space in a room by office that we could have a PTSO donation room. Jenni will look into this. Previously approved \$700 for yearbook scholarships via Jessie Hieber. Chinese teacher asking for \$46.34 for workbooks as a tool for instruction. Voted yes. Andrew Li from quiz bowl asking for \$459 for buzzers. Previous ones were lost. How did they

get lost? This club only involved 10 students. We suggest a bake sale. Traditionally, we haven't financially supported clubs.

Jenni with Wagongate update. Lawn games got returned to the library.  
Upcoming events. 11/2 parent teacher conferences. We have a sign-up genius for snacks to have for teachers. 11/7 no school. Jenni will ask about a winter dance.

Mary Jane with Spirit Wear. If we do a sale, we compete with the school store.

PTOC- no decision yet on dues. Discussing this due to equity.

Jodi W asking Lindsay and Bethany about cider and donuts next week for staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02.

Minutes taken by Jodi Wilkins.