

Clarkston High School PTO Meeting Minutes 10/8/2019

Attendance: Katy Sutcliffe, Hilary Keubler, Theresa Fabrizio, Sophia Fabrizio, Janice Hubl, Gary Kaul, Amy Metz, Meg Pardee, Kim Hardtke, Andrea RozmanJamisen Sivak, Santana Marshall

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Kim Hardtke noted one amendment, the 2nd ways and means request was for \$250-375.

Kim motioned to approve the minutes with the above amendment. Gary seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Treasures Report. Andrea reported the current checking account balance is \$11,886.98. She noted that the two checks written but not yet cashed were for Mary Herzensteil for the plants bought for curriculum night and for a ways and means request.

Ways and Means. Kim reported that there were 7 ways and means requests for this month. She explained that they had been sent to the committee along with her recommendations. The committee had supported her recommendations with one caveat. The current ways and means balance is \$1269.54, the requests received totaled \$6722.07 leaving a deficit of \$5452.53. Meaning that not all the requests can be approved in full at this time. It was noted that a Kroger check should be received in November making more funds available at that point.

Request #3 is for \$419.99 for Rachel Vickers to purchase 6 wobble chairs for her ELA 11 & 12 co-taught classes. She will settle for fewer chairs if needed. This will affect 100+ students. It was noted that last year \$350 was approved for 2 stand up desks.

Kim suggested that we approve \$140 for 2 chairs at this point with the option to revisit if we have additional funds later in the year. All agreed to approve \$140 for two chairs.

Request #4 is for \$1088 by Amy seaman to renew the ticket software and support for the year from Center Stage Software. This is an annual renewal. This will affect 125 students in the CHS drama club as well as the entire student body. Last year \$1481 was approved for this software and a keyboard.

Suggestion was to to approve half of the funding. Meg pointed out that there was probably no other option for funding available. Gary stated that the software saved a lot of man hour. Suggestion that we approve the request today conditional on receipt of the Kroger check. All agreed to approve conditional on receipt of Kroger check.

Request #5 is for \$875 by Patricia McMillen to renew a subscription to Explore Learning, an interactive simulations website for the science department. This is annual renewal that will affect all science students. This has been funded by PTO for the last few years.

Suggestion was to approve half of funding. Janice stated that as this request directly relates to the learning of many students it should be prioritized over other requests.

It was agreed to approve the full amount for this request.

Request #6 is for \$170 for the Mindfulness Club. This will cover the cost of \$100 in gift cards for Impact Nutrition and Beyond Juice for club members who meet the whole life challenge and \$70 in art supplies for therapeutic drawing sessions. This will impact 10-20 students.

Suggestion that this request be denied at this time due to insufficient funds. Katy suggested that the businesses could be asked to donate gift cards. All agreed to deny the request.

Request #7 is for \$4000 for LEAD 1 to provide a guest speaker to inspire students to get involved with charity week. LEAD account will cover \$2500 of cost plus the hotel stay, this will affect the entire school.

Suggestion that this request be denied due to insufficient funds. It was felt that this was a large sum of money. Kim suggested that marketing/drama students could help with promotional activities. Amy suggested that the Clarkston foundation and/or optimist club could be asked for funding. Santana suggested that a speaker, Anthony Grupido could be an alternative his cost is \$750.

Request #8- is for \$71.98 for Tara Marchand for fluorescent light filters for her special education level 3 classroom. This will affect 24 students. PTO has funded other light filters throughout the years for other classrooms.

Suggestion was to approve half of the money. Theresa asked if having one set of light filters as opposed to two would work? Amy said it does help. Theresa said that teachers should be encouraged to have wish lists set up on their webpages. It was agreed to approve the full amount for request.

Request #9- is for \$97.10 for Tara Marchand and Andrea Roberts for a classroom set of the book "A Wrinkle in Time" for the special education level 3 and 4 classrooms. This will affect 34 students.

It was agreed to approve the full amount.

The total approved for ways and means this month was \$11,84.08. Leaving a balance of \$85.46.

Request # 4 does not need to be resubmitted as it was approved pending receipt of funds from Kroger.

Janice motioned to approve the ways and means requests as detailed above. Amy seconded. All were in favor.

Membership; currently 166 members, including 50 staff. 47 senior parents, 37 junior parents, 26 sophomore parents, 1 student. Amy and Janice to follow up with RHS. Amy to follow up with the list of members from last year that have not rejoined.

Volunteers: Theresa stated that she had collected 5 additional volunteer sheets. Theresa to contact Andrea Scalzi re conference dinners. Theresa to send chairs the names of volunteers. Theresa to follow up on the CTE advisory board.

Website: Nothing to report.

Advocacy; nothing to report.

Beautification: Thankyou to May and Cale Herzensteil who delivered the pots for curriculum night.

Health and wellness. Amy stated that the Real talk event will take place in October 17/18th. Speaker Eric Hipple coming next week, will present to students during the day with a parent presentation at 6.30pm.

Student representatives: Sophia suggested the girls should be able to keep their shoes on during the homecoming dance. Gary agreed.

Principals Report:

Gay addressed the sad passing of two students, one a current student and the other a former student. Support had been widely available for students throughout the school. CSMTech students are planning to plant a tree in remembrance of Jack Lehman. CCS is guided by Oakland County crisis team when responding to events. Information shared by the school is guided by the family.

Homecoming week went very well. There were some minor incidents at the dance, a fractured foot and two panic attacks for which emergency response were present. Gary would communicate anything serious to parents.

10/11 is PD day for staff. ½ day for students.

10/25 is half day for students and parent/teacher conferences 12-3

11/4 is PD for staff in the evening speaker Dr Jim Henry, trauma informed learning.

December test out forms are available in counselling office or CHS counselling website, forms due by November 22nd. Testing will take place first week of December.

AP Exam registration is open, runs until October 25th, is now a two-part registration process.

New Business

Career Day

Zello happening prior to career day.

Senior celebrations committee still has openings for chair people. Still need a co-chair for the lead person, ticket sales chair is open, yard signs/memory wall chairs are open, still need a volunteer coordinator and a student representative.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting 11/12/2019