

May 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance were: Terry Bleau, Jim Anderson, Cindy Baggio, Amy Huizenga

Treasurer's Report:

Budget review – Budget is good and on track.

PTO Bank is moving to Kaneville and Randall Road

Administrative costs came down and there was a negative balance for check credits from last year.

Secretary's Report:

Review meeting minutes from executive committee meeting.

Principal's Report:

Registration is due on Friday. All parents of returning students must complete registration process in order for students to keep their computers over the summer.

Email reminders will go to all parents who have not yet completed the registration process this week.

Mr. Bleau provided an update to the electives change for next year. Summary of changes include:

- 8th grade foreign language electives will remain the same
- All other electives will move from a semester to a trimester model
- Music will be a two trimester elective
- Art will be a two trimester elective with 2D being taught first trimester and 3D taught second trimester
- Tech Ed classes will include computer science and robotics
- 8th grade students will be able to double up on electives so that students can take two trimesters of music.

New Electives being offered include:

- One of the primary reasons for the new elective model is due to staffing challenges. Moving to trimesters for electives will eliminate the need for one extra part time teacher.
- General music elective will be offered to students and include composition
- entrepreneurial classes will be added for students interested in communications and marketing
- FACTS requires two teachers
- Tech Ed requires one full time and one part time individual for the 2 classes

This new elective model will help to provide students with more options and solve staffing challenges. Mr. Bleau will provide communication of the new trimester model in the Fall GMSS Scoop.

Upcoming Staffing Changes for GMSS will require three part time and three full time teachers:

- Mr. Alles, music will be retiring
- Mrs. Gough, speech pathologist will be leaving. Mr. Bleau will need to hire a replacement.
- Mrs. Samantha Gorski, psychologist, will not be returning to GMSS. Mr. Bleau will need to hire a replacement.
- New part time Tech Ed (2 classes) and FACTS (3 classes) teacher will need to be hired
- Mr. Bleau will also need to hire a new full time administrative assistant due to Karen's upcoming retirement in early August.

Additional Business:

- PTO meetings in the 2017/2018 school year will be moved to the mornings.
- There will only be 5 PTO meetings in the year. The first meeting will be the budget meeting in August. Subsequent meetings will be held September, November, February, and May.
- Eboard meetings will only be attended by Mr. Bleau and the President. They will be held in December, January, April, October and March.
- Volunteers for the 2017/2018 school year for PTO and Committees will be recruited on Parents night for 5th grade incoming 6th grade students.
- Karen or Martha will collect the sign up sheets for the PTO.
- Martha and Jim will review and Mr. Bleau will help recruit for any gaps.

Elections for new PTO members will be rescheduled. Current positions include the following:

- President- Martha Harrison
- Vice President-Open or Jim Anderson
- Treasurer- Sarah Walls
- Assistant Treasurer- Open
- Secretary-Open

Upcoming Events

- 8th Grade Great America trip T-shirts have been ordered they are purple and ready to go. Parent chaperones are not needed for this event.
- Pebbles went on the Zoo field trip and the Girls on the Run trip and did well.
- 8th grade dance, Fatima reported to Mr. Bleau that the committee is in good shape for the dance and the picnic. They will send out a sign up genius to 8th grade parents for volunteers.
- The scavenger hunt was a success and had a great turn out. It accomplished the goal of increasing attendance.
- Suggestion for future events could include a model similar to the Escape Rooms and some teachers are researching Escape boxes for future team class projects.
- 8th grade promotion will be held on Friday, June 2nd

- Last day of school is June 5th

Action items that need to be completed include:

- Schedule date for budget and election meeting
- Martha, Jim, Mr. Bleau to meet regarding 2017/2018 volunteers

Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Amy Huizenga seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.