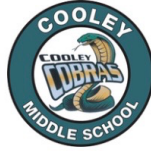


COOLEY PTC

PARENT TEACHER CLUB



ROBERT C COOLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CLUB (PTC) MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 14, 2024

Meeting Called by: Jennifer Michel, President

Attending:

Jennifer Michel
Jennifer Bartee
Jami Appleton
Anthony DiVecchia
Kelli DiVecchia
Edina Bajraktarevic

Guests:

Brandon Michel
Sarah Lee
Jacqueline
Isaiah Branche
Brie Hull
Celeste Hilliker
Erin Himes
Staci Strickland
Sara Bye
Susan Guzzo
Rosa Young
Alyssa McClelland
Ashlie Lawson
Jeff Blanchard
Claire Chase
Kanitra Lopez

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Welcome/Introductions

Board members welcomed everyone in attendance and everyone introduced themselves. Meetings will be the second Wednesday of the month. Michel shared that the calendar of the meeting dates is on the bottom of the agenda and mentioned a possibility of additional meetings being added.

Approval of Agenda for August 14, 2024

Moved by Bartee. Seconded by Bajraktarevic. Motion passes.

BOARD REPORTS

President

2024/25 PTC Calendar of events will be finalized soon in conjunction with the schools'/ districts calendar. Appleton will post the final calendar on the PTC website and social media. (some events include Monster mash, fundraiser, student party, teacher appreciation days, Dine and Donate dates)

Monster Mash - this year it will be done with all grades together, on a Wednesday October 30, 2024 (short day), students would walk the track and play games. Parents commented that the students from previous years mentioned a need for more candy. In the past there would be VIP tents, tug of war type games, etc. Possibility to consider 6th grade alone and then 7th and 8th grade together - teachers will continue to brainstorm on the best set up due to increased enrollment. 99 pledges will be used to have students fundraise dollars for running. Parents are also solicited for candy.

Treasurer

Michel presented to the group the new candidate interested in joining the Board as a Treasurer for 2024/25. Susan Guzzo introduced herself. Motion to approve Guzzo as the new Cooley PTC treasurer for 2024/25 by Bajraktarevic. Seconded by Jamie Appleton. Motion passes.

Financial Secretary

Michel informed the group that the PTC may be looking at removing this position and blending the responsibilities with the Treasurer position. The position is vacant now. Guzzo explained why the role was split as a checks and balances purposes at other schools, but they both believe this role can have sufficient safety checks with one person covering both roles.

Vice President and Membership

Di Vecchia explained the managements of membership - online payment this year for membership registration. Membership has two tiers - VIP and standard membership. 8th grade premium membership allows for front seats to graduation among other perks. \$4,000 raised thus far.

Webmaster

Michel shared a little bit about webmasters work and responsibilities.

Hospitality / Promotion

Bartee talked about August staff back to school treats. In September it will be happy hour/ lunch hour for staff. Each month it will be something else. Rotation between PTC paying for it or Sign Up Genius from parents. Teacher Appreciation Week an event gets planned for staff each day. Bartee is looking for someone to join her and shadow her as continuity for next year.

Dine Out and Donate / Social Media Promotion

Appleton informed the group of four dine and donate events with NuYo. 1pm-6pm on Wednesdays, dates TBD. 20 % of sales generated by Cooley guests returned to Cooley PTC. Chipotle is confirmed, Panda Express waiting to be confirmed. It will be on the calendar once confirmed within the week.

Principals Report

Principal Ramirez reported that 1158 students are currently registered. Three days before school started the number of 8th graders increased so much that five new sections of classes had to be added. Staffing is being increased also. District is assisting in helping work out related issues like lack of parking for staff. Traffic at school is an issue and the city will begin to issue tickets for vehicles parked in areas that are off the limits to parking. There are two scooter and bike racks now to assist those students who can bike or scooter to school. There are some additional ones in front of school - each one designed for particular neighborhoods. Michel suggested sharing the safe ride to school information on the PTC socials.

Ramirez also shared that the bus riders increased too. Five student buses will be coming to school in comparison to three last year. Back to school night is 8/15/24 at 6pm.

Activities information was posted on cheer, flag football teams that the students can try out for. Principal is working with the teachers to schedule them in such a way that students can choose more than one activity. McClelland suggested it would help to know the level of commitment to an event/ activity prior to trying out, rather than after try outs. Cross country had a great example of a comprehensive packet to maybe look at as an example for all tryout activities to mimic when disbursing information to families prior to signups.

Teachers were informed to wait until they got their allotment from the PTC rather than spend their own money on things needed for their classrooms. The money is expected to be available as soon as next week.

Announcements

Discussion was held on the fireworks booth and profits related to this years' event. \$15,000 more was made than last year. The permit to do it is lottery based and Cooley PTC will continue to do this event if available in the foreseeable future. It was suggested to begin to think about an alternative if the permit was not granted.

Open Floor

Question was asked about having two children at the school and back to school happening at the same time, meaning the parents will need to choose whose kid back to school night to come to. Principal responded that some teachers were sending out their presentation slides ahead of time and other teachers could be encouraged to do the same. Another idea was to email the teacher or show up to half of their presentation for each teacher and inform the teacher ahead of time.

Mr. Blanchard mentioned the discount on the yearbook purchase flier to review and sign. 8th grade parents - also do dedications as soon as possible.

Appleton inquired on lunches and tables now that enrollment is so high. Principal responded that the staff is working to make things a bit more organized, efficient and safe. Basketball is no longer happening during lunch so the entire multipurpose room is accessible for lunch students. Additional space is available outside. So far the space has been working out for the number of students having lunches and moving between spaces. Stanchions were put in place for student lunch lines. Students will be encouraged to use their ID's to get their food in line quicker.

New cell phone policy is already showing positive examples of students talking and interacting together.

Suggestion was made that all families fill out the eligibility form for the free meals, as it is really helpful to have the information as per the federal regulation. Universal school meals, if not supported, goes back to the general budget.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm.