

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

1. Introductions, Events (PTO Preview)

- New position heads announced

2. Budget

- Copy of the budget handed out to the group
- Review of all fundraisers and how we raise money
- Review of how we spend all our money

3. Principal's Report – Title 1 Annual Meeting

a. What is Title 1?

- Handout provided – Title 1 is the US Federal Government's largest education assistance program for schools. Title 1 is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers of low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.
- Reviewed slide show of Title 1 information
- Money is based on percentage of families that receive free and reduced lunch
- Money this year is based on last year's count. Last year 48% of students received free and reduced lunch and therefore we received Title 1 funds this year.
- Money is used to create a level playing field (improve skills in reading and math, help students feel safe and supported while at school). Funds are used for a variety of activities designed to increase children's academic achievement especially in math and reading.
- Chelsea receives approximately \$110,000 in title 1 money

b. School Improvement Plan

- SKIP – every school has this strategic plan to decide how to spend this money
- Chelsea is a Support School. This designation is based upon MCA scores.
- Expectations in math and literacy are described and published

c. Supports to help students succeed

- Here we hire 2 certified hourly teachers that work with students who are at-risk
- We have a para-professional for kindergarten via these funds
- We have an intervention specialist because of title 1

- d. Involving parents Partnership between parents and school (Family Engagement Plan & Compact)
 - I love to read night!
 - Science Fair
 - Welcome back bonfire
 - Parent-teacher compact detailing rights and responsibilities of everyone involved in the education of your child

- e. Family Supports
 - Cheetah Chatter – monthly newsletter that is sent home
 - Hourly teachers are available to assist students individually or in small groups. Behavior groups are also available.

- f. Parents Right to Know – parents have a right to...
 - Receive progress reports
 - Discuss progress with student's teacher
 - Observe what is happening in the classroom
 - Whether the student's teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
 - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
 - Whether the teacher is teaching in which proper certification is held by the teacher
 - Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

4. Principal's Report - Miscellaneous

- a. Enrollment
 - Enrollment – projected at 474 and are currently at 447
 - May need to return a portion of the money based on actual enrollment numbers for this Friday
 - No grade level is full
 - Lots of new students – more than 60 in grades 1 – 5
 - As of August 6 – 36 held spots, but then didn't show up / 20 of those are kindergarteners

- b. Picture Day
 - Next Tuesday September 25
 - Volunteers receive a \$35 voucher from Lifetouch for helping

- Grades K-1-2 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Grades 3-4-5 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

c. Referendum Team

- Planning meeting tomorrow at Arlington High School from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Food and childcare provided
- Chelsea is sending a team of parents and teachers to participate – Brian Cline, Lisa Amman, Sarah Meggitt, Katie Shetka

5. Chelsea 101 – Welcome New Families!

6. Vote – President

- Julie Small was nominated by Carrie Peltier, seconded by Jill Gebeke – approved by a unanimous voice vote
- Paula was nominated by Carrie Peltier, seconded by Jill Gebeke – approved by a unanimous voice vote

7. Northwest Como

- Reminder to check in with rec center lost and found as well as school lost and found
- Please contact the rec center with any requests for classes or programming
- Snack offered to any child who wants one after school Monday through Friday

8. Volunteer Coordinator – Lisa Amman

- Position is new
- Need: coordinator for family fitness night, book swap, carnival, spring fundraiser
- Destination Imagination – coordinators needed asap – contact Molly Powers Theisen