

Central PTSA Meeting
February 13, 2019

BCSD Central Office Building

Attendance: Natalie Pincus, Emily Minerva, Alissa Chilson, Kelsey Rinella, Emily Brown, Stephanie Bush, Kevin McGowan, Dan Goldman, Manish Dixit, Jacqui Liebman, Christina Pearson, Stacia Rush, Denise Kotalik, Tara Minor, Sangita Patel, Maranne McDade Clay, Heather Coyne, Leslie Seltzer, Stephanie Fuchs.

Call to Order: 9:33 a.m.

I. Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report: Table for next month since not everyone received them (those who were not here last month).

Treasurer's Report: Katrina is not present. Emily says we are behind on Spirit Wear Sales. Hardship Grants have not been done yet.

Fun Food Fridays, only CRPS has spent money.

Tara Minor requested itemized report for building funds each month; wants to know if expenses were paid.

Parent question about paying in advance for supplies: can vendor be billed or can PTSA front the money to parent? Get an invoice for Katrina, and have a check sent in advance. Discussion of payment options: voucher or reimbursement form.

Any other fundraising? Spirit wear in Spring. FRES movie night rescheduled for March 21.

No ice cream social for FRES 5th Grade. (will be part of the moving up celebration, no open house for 5th Grade). Maybe round up amount for other ice cream socials to \$3.

II. Building Reports

CRPS:

- Rochester Nighthawks visited at end of January to discuss the benefits of healthy eating.
- Kindergarten registration on March 7 and March 9.

- Extracurricular Fair was canceled due to weather and rescheduled to Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30 to 8, in both cafeterias. 40 different businesses and organizations signed up (capacity number).
- Souperbowl on Feb. 4 – positive feed back from Staff.
- 100th day of school celebration on Friday. Rainbow playground is closed for construction, but a “wonder window” exists for kids to see progress of the work.

TCMS:

School Events

- On February 1st, TCMS celebrated World Hijab Day, led by Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Kantz and Mrs. Halligan.
- The 1st was also a Super Bowl spirit day where the teachers and kids wore their favorite team’s football jerseys.
- February 1st was the first day of the third quarter.
- The Modified Girls Basketball teams were invited to attend a UR Womens Basketball game and listen in as the coach instructed the team before the game.
- The Top 4 from the Math Counts team competed at RIT recently.
- The Chinese Club held a New Year’s celebration on 2/5 for the Chinese Lunar New Year.
- On 2/15 the kids are doing a fundraiser for the Al Sigl Center. Kids can donate a \$1 and get to wear a hat or a hood on 2/15. These clothing items are usually banned via the school dress code.
- We had our cookie dough fundraiser earlier this month. Sales were much lower this year than last year. The proceeds will go towards helping kids that need help paying for their field trips. The cookie dough will be distributed on 2/27.
- Ski Club is ongoing.
- On March 4th, there is a 7th Grade Band Concert and on March 5th, there is a 6th and an 8th Grade Band concert.
- The 8th Graders will be heading to Quebec for the French Class trip from 3/7-3/9. There will be a parent meeting for the trip on Wednesday 2/27.

PTSA Specific Events

- This evening at 7 pm we will be hosting our Book Club themed Meeting with the Principal with special guest Jennifer Thompson. Jennifer will lead a discussion on the books Untangled by Lisa Damour and The Teenage Brain by Frances Jensen and Amy Ellis Nutt. We will discuss parenting strategies for dealing with teenagers.
- All three grades held their second Activity Night, the attendance was as follows:
 - 6th Grade – 160
 - 7th Grade- 192
 - 8th Grade – 89

- We will be hosting the TCMS Book Fair on March 4th and March 5th from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm and 6:30 - 8:30 pm, on March 6th from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm, and on March 7th from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm.
- On March 6th for Brighton Believes Day, TCMS and the PTSA will be hosting speakers from area organizations where the kids can volunteer. There will be a reception from 1:00 - 1:30 pm. The reception will include all of the speakers and one of the TCMS music groups will perform for the speakers. The homerooms will double up and each homeroom pair will get 2 speakers for 30 minutes each.

FRES:

- Lots of concerts in the last few weeks.
- Family Movie night is rescheduled to March 21.
- Summer Activities fair: Parent-friendly, but not vendor-friendly (too early to have brochures or info), probably better in late February or early March. Idea for next year is to have an early fair and then have a link to vendor websites.
- Game night tomorrow night at FRES.
- Wellness faculty meeting, parents ran various activities. Nerf Activity, only men showed up. Kelsey did Nerf Dart activity.

SPED:

- 2 upcoming events
 - Peace Circle - 2/27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Board Room. Gives all SPED families a chance to be heard.
 - BHS/SPED - 3/19, 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Navigating College Choices for Atypical Students
- Last month, "Soup'er" themed staff appreciation luncheon for administration building. Thanks to everyone who donated.

BHS:

- Recent Events: Acappellooza; Coco and Cram (about 80 students); 8th grade parent meeting; Snow Ball (punch and chocolate provided by PTSA).
- Great turnout for Principal meetings.
- Newsies was sold out for all performances.
- Keep an eye out for events at BHS and make sure you know where events will be once construction starts on Auditorium.

- Say yes to the Dress is tomorrow, lots of donations already.

III. Superintendent's Report:

- Shelley Fitzgerald:

Thanks to all of you for agreeing to have Shelley Fitzgerald receive a lifetime member award. It was important to tell her family that she will receive it. Spoke with Shelley last Friday, discussed her contributions to education.

Thank you to everyone dealing with her death yesterday, contacting the school. FRES and CRPS teachers who did not have classes came over to TCMS to assist teachers who needed time. Lots of support. Very nurturing environment.

- Budget – in process, Governor's proposal only provides for increase of \$72,000. Huge problem. 2.6% increase (over the cap) for expenses we've already approved as a district. Looking at more millions of dollars to make up the gap. Fight for Brighton will be involved. Spoke with Jamie Romeo and Joe Morelle. Same practices and expenses continue to grow. Very few districts in our situation. We are below 50% of what we need. Less than 20 districts who are affected by this. Thought Exchange very important, please fill it out. Different than the budget survey. Exchange is more open-ended than the survey. PLEASE USE! While it's not a deciding factor, it's good place for community members to be heard.
- Diversity Committee: in March, May, and June will have committee meetings, for recommendations from the various committees and subcommittees. Part of blueprint plan for next year. Much bigger picture than one year.
- Feb 26, 5 pm Board of Education Forum; regular meeting is 7:30 to 8:30 with restorative practice circles.
- March 18 will be next Be the Healing meeting. Keep introducing restorative practices with circles to the community.
- Capital Update: CRPS digging has started, construction road being built. Kevin went out to see how things are going. Rainbow playground has been dismantled. Kids are not distracted at all by it. Unfazed. Construction manager is very accommodating. Ongoing conversation with neighbors.
- FRES Construction: Detailed communication in next few weeks. Unsuccessful bidding process, not enough workers and tariffs are having an effect on process. Everything will get done, but timeframes may change. Roof will be done this summer, but the more complex and fancier work may have to be moved around. Need to make adjustments to what else will be worked on first. May have to use capital reserves to do this. Will keep us posted.

- School calendar: will be emailed later today. Board of Education wasn't able to vote on it yesterday because meeting was canceled due to weather. Two weeks for winter break. Feb break is same. April Break will end with Easter. School starts on the Wednesday after Labor Day. State has changed number of school days, different language on the bottom of the calendar, for funding issues.
- Snow days: Safety is first concern. Conditions can change by the hour. Dr. McGowan doesn't like to close the night before. We have limited number of days for snow days, if we have too many closed days, we can't get funded for extra days to make up the time. Late notification was because it wasn't clear how bad things were going to be until sports started to cancel. Student safety is primary importance. If a parent feels it's not safe to have kids go to school or activity, they can decide to let kids stay home for safety reasons. Number of factors that go into the decision.
- Discussion of drop off at FRES, dangerous situation. Kevin says it's really at every school. Not much the district can do, but there was discussion about a light at BHS parking lot. County says we can't get one. Discussion of timing of buses, people need to let us know that there needs to be different times. We can then budget to plan for this to start at same time as Full Day K. Need better communication regarding early bus for bands, chorus, etc.

IV. Today's Guest: Stephanie Fuchs, GVPTSA

Nominating, Bylaws, & Procedures Discussion

- Executive Committee: Our by-laws and practice are not in line with each other. All officers need to serve the same length of term. Either one two-year term or a maximum of 2 one-year consecutive terms. Immediate Past-President helps with continuity. It's not assumed that a VP becomes a President, whereas a President-elect means committing to 4 years. A PTSA that has a President-elect, never votes for the President. Discussion of having multiple Vice-presidents and one President and training/transition issues. So procedures need to be in place (really good information needs to be available to transition). Stephanie stressed that officer terms are secondary to doing procedures. Procedures must compliment by-laws, and provide guidelines to committees. If multiple VPs, need to figure out what they are responsible for. If don't need to have them, don't create them. Building chair terms are not as bound by by-laws. Although the procedures say that they have 2-year terms, currently.
- Nominating Committee needs to be elected, not appointed. Four members from the board and one from the association. Has to be an odd number; they have to find the candidates; report on the candidate; publish the report before the election; and then have the election. Committee must pick one candidate for election for each position.
- Discussion of whether we should change the structure to co-presidents. Also, have immediate past-president be more involved.
- Action items:

- Have meeting last week of February to discuss further on by-laws and officer structure. 2/27 at 9 am.
- Emily to reserve a room. Natalie to invite the entire committee.
- Thank you, Stephanie, for meeting today.

V. New Business

- March 18 at 7 pm at JoJo's for PTSA board to socialize outside of meetings.
- Festival Ideas Baked Goods list sent around.
- Donation for Kelly Fitzgerald – Will donate to designated organizations.
- BASH & 8th Grade Farewell Party Budgets
 - \$2500 line item for BASH needs to be voted. Motion to vote: Sangita Patel; Seconded, Alissa Chilson. Yea: 11. Nay: 0. Abstained: all else. Motion carries.
 - 8th Grade: start with activity fund, then we send a minimum of \$1500 balance toward HS. Currently \$3,540. Farewell party usually costs around \$3000.
- PTSA Advocacy role: petition re Marijuana legalization.
- Grant Proposal:
 - Brighton Believes Day -- \$400 for TCMS reception for local speakers. Motion by Kelsey Rinella, seconded by Sangita Patel. Yay 13. Nay 0. Motion carries.
 - \$297.16 for FRES to purchase sharpie markers to decorate rocks. Motion by Sangita Patel, seconded by Christina Pearson. Yay 16. Nay 0. Motion carries.
- Nancy Beck Fund -- \$14,069
 - CRPS: \$300 for Brighton Believes
 - FRES: for Popcorn popper, in-ground basketball hoop
 - TCMS: Lego league, button maker.
 - BHS: Blue Ribbon, and Brighton Believes
- Lifetime Membership: March 8 deadline, Deborah Pulley not here to report. Committee needs to be created.

Next meeting is March 13 at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned: 12:09 pm

Budget 2018-2019 - February 2019

Fundraising Projection

School Pictures: \$7,000 (\$7,596.45)

Calendar Sales: \$8,000 (\$7,959.46)

Spirit Wear: \$4,000 (\$3,993.86)

Art Sale: \$1,200

FRES Movie Night: \$800 (\$873.51)

Ice Cream Socials: \$1,500

Book Fairs: \$1,000 (CRPS \$335.47, FRES \$1045.21)

Community Fundraisers: \$1,500

 Food Truck Rodeo: (\$1,171.54)

 Amazon Smile: (\$58.24)

Total: \$25,200

Checking: \$30,834.63

Savings: \$22,258.30

Class Accounts: '23: \$3,540.96 '24: \$2,865. '25: \$1,098.53

Obligations & Allocations

Hardship Grants: \$10,000 – (CRPS: \$2000, FRES: \$2248, TCMS: \$2552, BHS: \$3200)

Author Visits: \$3,000 (\$3,000)

Membership Dues: \$3,200 (1,957.00)

Building Funds: \$1,650 - BHS \$600 (\$272.08), TCMS \$300 (\$72.92), FRES \$300 (\$47.10), CRPS \$300 (\$52.00), SPED \$150

Grants: \$4,000 (\$500 to ACE at BHS)

Central PTSA: \$400

- Donations/Sunshine
- BOE Appreciation Night (\$200 to Brighton Food Cupboard)
- Miscellaneous

Fun Food Friday/Tasty Tuesday: \$550

- FRES: \$300
- CRPS: \$250 (\$118.44)

Staff Appreciation: \$1500 (\$2 per person) BHS: \$283.13, SPED: \$37.48

Scholarship: \$1000

Life Membership Awards & Ceremony: \$700

Retirement Gifts: \$550

Software: \$500

Postage: \$225

Printing: \$300

Bank Fees: \$250 (\$35)

Tax Prep: \$500 (\$500)

Insurance: \$900

Total: \$29,225