

## Pinehurst PTA April Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6-7:40 pm

Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance

Intro of those present

Approved minutes from last meeting.

Mrs Makowski Update:

Completed ELA 3,4,5<sup>th</sup> grades NY testing. Math will be done 4/29 & 30, 5<sup>th</sup> grade doing science in early May.

Chronic attendance has improved significantly about 5% from this time last year to this year.

Zero eyes overlay for security system, a weapons detection system. If something resembles a weapon is coming close to the building they are notified. Critical Response Team of 22 people looked at TAP app. It accounts for all kids and teachers at their accountability stations. Increased communication and efficiency throughout the school during an emergency.

5<sup>th</sup> grade social media issue, Tik Tok videos with unkind things being said about students. Also on messenger threads. She held an assemble today about it. Some kids were taking pictures on bus and posting. She said they were receptive and stressed the importance of kindness. Letter also went home to parents from her.

Panorama survey (school climate survey) how to target social and emotional lessons to students based on info provided in survey. Students 3,4, 5<sup>th</sup> graders were taken today.

Friday is early dismissal. Teachers are doing training.

Mrs. Kolacki (teacher rep) Update:

Wanted to follow up to see if K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade t-shirts order with All Star had a bulk discount. Unfortunately, no. Ok to go ahead and order shirts.

Marla Council Delegate Update:

HS, MS, all 4 elementary schools, all PTA and superintendent meeting that happens every month.

Transportation survey came back and staff was 50/50 for switching times. Waiting on parents responses. Supposed to switch every 2 years because of the staggered starting times but staff and parents are now used to the schedule and some don't want to change. If the survey comes back 50/50 then we will switch because its only fair. But if its strongly swayed one way it will go that way. The reason we have this staggered start times are due to a driver shortage. Superintendent really wants to have a 3 tier system (when all elementary schools start the same time). 1<sup>st</sup> student bus service would cost 1.3 million to go back to 3 tier. They would need a bare minimum of 12 additional drivers but ideally 14-18 additional drivers.

Yearbook was submitted. Orders only has 29 students who did not order a year book! 100% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders ordered. Stunning yearbook and its only \$11 for 59 pages.

Asked about why do we have to do half day for concerts at Highmark? Its due to some students who are bussed to off-site locations like Williamsville, Kenmore, and are in the gridlock on 90 during the stadium traffic.

Grade grants – tonight we approved 2 for 5<sup>th</sup>, K and phys ed. 5<sup>th</sup> grade gets grade grant and graduation \$). Still outstanding is Music, PT/OT, student services and speech. All grade grants increased this year from last except 5<sup>th</sup> because they additionally get graduation money.

Sons, Snakes & Sidekicks: switched it up this year from the movie event in the past. Boys and moms had a great time, both the wildlife presentation and the taekwondo were huge successes. Over 200 sons registered! PTA is always focused on inclusion but we still like to celebrate one boy and one girl event. If any parents have any comments or concerns around that feel free to bring it up at a meeting.

Spring Book Fair: It's a BOGO event, all classes will go through with their teachers and there is a family night on Friday. E-wallet is always an option, set up a new one for each fair, you can transfer funds from a previous fair. Rounding up is available and that money goes towards books for the school.

Me & My Guy is Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-8pm. All corsage was money was already due, white and purple. Taylor Swift theme RSVPs are due. Individually wrapped snacks donations being accepted. Requested nut free. DJ and 2 selfie stations.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 10<sup>th</sup> from Poppyseed's. The whole week of the 6-10<sup>th</sup> will have goodies for teachers.

School Supply Boxes will be available again this year for all grade levels with all supplies requested by grade level.

Had some technical difficulties on the zoom, but it was resolved.

Nominations: Corresponding Secretary and VP are the 2 positions open for next year. All zoom attendees (Shannon Winters, Amanda Englert, Kylee Criscone, Liz Lybolt, Lindsey Danner, Amanda Manassa, Hillary Hacic) had to identify themselves and everyone who wants to vote had to be current PTA members. Any nominations for Corresponding Secretary – none. Vote for Tammy Prior to continue for another term, everyone was voted her in. Acknowledged Laura Collins for all her hard work over the years with the board. VP any nominations? Tiffany Rukavina, Amanda Englert and Amanda Manassa. Everyone nominated gets a chance to speak towards why they want to run and what they have to contribute.

Amanda Manassa – 2 daughters at Pinehurst, came from Southtowns Catholic School, she was the President and Secretary at the HAS there. Helped raise \$130K for the school, kids & parents events, book fair, etc. She will be retiring at some point this year at her job and will have more time to help with PTA.

Amanda Englert – she decided to bow out

Tiffany Rukavina – 2 girls at Pinehurst, 2 years at Pinehurst. Has made connections/ friends at our school and to help with PTA.

We've never had 2 nominees running for the same position.

No questions for nominees. Ballots were filled out by hand for in person voters and in chat for zoom voters. Co-presidents don't vote.

The vote came in as a tie. The tie breaker would be made by the president vote and since we have co-presidents they have to make 1 vote together. Mrs. Kolacki suggested having co-VPs. Quorum (minimum number of votes needed to pass something) would have to increase if we were to have co-VPs. Amanda and Tiffany agree to being co-VPs, and no one in attendance is opposed to the idea of co-VPs. In addition to membership coordinator and co-presidents we needed to increase quorum anyways. Voted in both Amanda and Tiffany as co-VPs.

Next association meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> same location and on zoom.

Attendees:

Liz Russin

Laura Collins

Marla Wright

Laura Lewis

Nicole Bonczar

Tammy Prior

Linda Penepent

Devin Kelly

Julie Hill

Tiffany Rukavina

Nikera Kolacki

Jennifer Makowski

Online: see above

Meting adjourned at 7:40 pm