

October 10, 2018 PTA Minutes

Mr. Chisik introduced our current PTA officers:

Amy Wilson and Wendy Adcock - Co-presidents (not in attendance today), Michelle Lauzon- Vice President, Sarah Geisler - Treasurer, Jill Crane - Recording Secretary and Kristal Muller - Corresponding Secretary.

No old business

New business - Treasurer's report - We need to approve the budget. Questions about the budget? No questions about the budget. Katherine Barton and Jen Kennedy approved the budget for 2018-2019

Mr. Chisik - Vision on fundraising - We have raised \$37,000 in the last five years through Donors Choose ONLY. Our families and big businesses support our teachers' projects. We have really been focused on technology and STEM through PTA funds. Donors Choose is a great idea to get projects funded. Donors Choose is great! Please share the links so our projects can be fully funded. Questions about Donors Choose? "Where do I find the projects?" - Smore is used for the newsletter so Mr. Chisik can get monthly feedback. Also Principal's Desk - links all the Donors Choose projects. You can go to Donorschoose.org and search by zip code as well. Create an account and Donors Choose will send you a \$10 gift certificate to use on any Donors Choose project. Any feedback on the process of communication about donating? People like knowing what is going on, even if they don't feel like donating.

Chisik Chat - Mrs. Barton (kindergarten parent) is our DPC representative for us this year.

Mrs. Burke - Huron Valley Bank has reached out to us to do a Banking Day. Fifth grade representative - They are hired in and able to make deposits into their account. Anyone in the school is able to come in and make a deposit into their bank account.

ALICE Training - Active Shooter staff training was on September 27th. Mr. Chisik will be presenting more information to the community. The new thinking is not to stay in the classroom. We are trained to get out. The shift in thinking is to save lives. Milford Police Dept was part of the training. We are embracing

the Milford Police to be here at Kurtz and to be visible. There will be a parent night coming up and a student component training. The police want everyone to know the concept of the program and what is going on. We are doing everything we can, in order to make sure everyone is safe. Evacuation drill-Hill Road to Atlantic Road to Milford Lutheran Church. The plan is in place and a Skyward Message will be sent out to all families letting them know when we are back and safe. The evacuation drill is used if something is wrong in the building. This is not if an active shooter is in the building. This is if something is wrong with the building and we can't wait for buses to take us to Muir. Parents were questioning how they would get notified if there is an emergency. Mr. Chisik let parents know that they would get a message through Family Access from the Board Office. Our main priority is the student's safety. Another parent questioned an option for a push alert on our phones and Mr. Chisik let her know that the district is looking into a program and that it is supported by Milford Police. Some other questions were: "Will this become a regular drill? Anyone talked about cameras in the building?" At this time, Mr. Chisik is not sure about the evacuation drill becoming something that we do on a yearly basis. He also has checked into cameras in the building and one camera for the main hallway is \$5,000. Someone suggested using Color Run money or Donors Choose to fund a building camera. Mr. Chisik also stated that we have to be aware that there is a district committee and we have to be conscious about what they are doing as well.

Color Run For Fundz - Thank you to everyone who put this together. This was not a long process to raise the money and students were not out of the classroom for a lot of their instruction time. This is the first time that we had 100% participation. Our goal was not to make it about "look what I have". I haven't heard any negativity from parents or students. Kudos to PTA for keeping it simple and fun. More than half of our funds came in through online donations. The total cost was \$1600 for emojis and supplies for the color run. More breakdown about costs and profits will be discussed at the November meeting.

Halloween parade - will be at 11:00, no blood or guts for costumes. Please keep costumes appropriate for elementary school.

Committees - Michelle Lauzon - We need chairs for the following committees: Daddy Daughter Dance, Mom/Son Event, Spring Family Fun event, grant opportunities. We have a SignUpGenius for everyone to volunteer. You can sign up through SignUpGenius or contact Michelle Lauzon. We currently have 18 committees. We have a Facebook page, Kurtz PTA, where everything is posted and there will be a link for sign up. The School Store Chairperson is looking to transition off. December 12, 13, and the morning of the 14th will be the Holiday Shop.

Hungry Howies - The first Tuesday will be Kurtz Day

Cottage Inn - The second Monday will be Kurtz Day - They are giving 20% of the proceeds back to our school.

PTA will fund Raz-Kids again this year for kindergarten and first grade classrooms.

The Color Run money is set to fund our 2019-2020 PTA budget. Our current budget will look at funds from our spring event to cover the rest of the 2018-2019 budget.

Meeting adjourned