



PTO General Meeting
10/03/2017 - Minutes

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 9/19/17 were reviewed. Candace Tenbrink motioned to approve and Jennifer Fernandes seconded. Vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Principals Update (Dr. Shetzer):

- We currently have 1,705 students enrolled. Looking into possibility of hiring another teacher.
- Library is open before and after school for students; lunchtime access for students will be added soon. We are still waiting on new flooring for library. Placed an order for 550 more library books, this roughly costs \$10,000. Approached the librarian and asked for her feedback on how to make the most of the library space. Soon, we would like to repaint and buy some new furniture for the library.
- Library Extended Hours: we are looking for coverage M-Th 3:45-5:30pm. The Stella Link Library is closed and we would like to offer our library as a place for children to stay until their parents can pick them up. Some teachers will be paid to supervise children, looking for some parent volunteers. If interested please contact Rahilla Shatto (rahilla.shatto@gmail.com)
- Homecoming Dance for all grade levels will be Friday, October 27th. Tickets will be sold in the cafeteria; 200 tickets for 8th graders and 150 for 7th grade and 150 for 6th grade. Teachers will chaperone the event.
- \$40,000 of the school budget was spent on motorizing the bleachers in the gym. This was a safety issue and needed to be done.
- Pershing Pool-the pool motor was damaged by the storm. It was replaced and paid for by insurance. The pool, however will need to be drained and cleaned next summer. This will be costly, we may ask Pin Oak and the PTO to chip in to pay for this. HISD will not cover it, the funds will need to come out of the school budget. HISD only covers general maintenance on the pool.

UIL: Candace Tenbrink (Candace@CTenBrink.com)

- Looking for students interested in competing in monthly Saturday UIL meets. Any students interested in Science, Math, Art, or any of the other topics please contact Candace. Students practice once a week and compete monthly.

Spaghetti Supper/ Fine Arts Showcase November 9th from 6-8pm: Jennifer Fernandes and Kim Marosis

- Monetary Donations needed for raffle prizes by grade level. Your grade level representatives will contact you; 6th Grade Moya Varner (moya.varner@gmail.com); 7th Grade Jennifer Knupp (jenknupp@gmail.com), 8th Grade Rahilla Shatto (rahilla.shatto@gmail.com)

- Tickets go on sale online this Friday. More information will be in the Panda Post.
- Looking for 50 families to donate \$50 each to help offset the cost of the event.

VP of Outreach: Ilse Rassin (ilserassin@gmail.com)

- 10/13/17 Report Cards go home. Included will be information about 8th grade events.
- 8th graders will be going on a trip to Typhoon Texas on May 25th instead of Field Day at Pershing.
- Upcoming Volunteer opportunities will be collecting donations for the food bank and helping out at neighboring elementary school carnivals. Signups will be advertised in the Panda Post.
- Graduation for 8th Graders will be June 1st at 10am at Barnett Stadium (location to be confirmed)

President: Beth Lane (bethlane91@gmail.com)

- Please sign up for the Panda Post on PTO website.
- First Look for Incoming 4th/5th grade Parents will be on Thursday 10/26 at 6pm
- Please forward along that we are still collecting money for school supplies and uniforms for students effected by Hurricane Harvey. A PayPal link is on the Panda Post and website. Our school social worker will identify students in need.
- PTO General Meetings alternate from morning to evening every month. Our next meeting is November 7, 2017 at 8:30am in the Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.