

Lake Shore Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Call to Order and Welcome-Judith Wasserman

Principal's Report-Alli Rudich

- Staffing changes for the 2019-20SY
 - Heather Coolidge, 7th grade Special Ed is leaving to work closer to home
 - Payton Katzer, 7th grade teacher is leaving to join her childhood school district, Port Washington
 - Danie Rogers has been hired at Heather Coolidge's replacement, she has 7 years of experience
- 8th Grade Great America trip
 - Students will receive updates on the Remind App
 - No water park access
 - 8th grade teachers are the chaperones

Guest Speaker-Brett Bowers, HHS Principal

- 9 years at HHS and 12 years living in the district
- 1,350 students
- Staffing Changes
 - Chad Sova has been hired as the new freshman class Assistant Principal
 - Monique Porter is transitioning from Special Education to Assistant Principal
- Experience Challenges for Freshman
 - If student relationship struggles exist, it is typically within the freshman class
 - Older students usually do not bother/interact with the younger students
- PLTW – Run by Jeff Patterson, Physics and PLTW teacher
 - Have seen program growth in middle school and are prepared to support
 - Another science teacher is already trained and ready to step in when needed
- Later Start Times & Bussing
 - District has been investigating a later start time
 - Looking for bussing savings from consolidation
 - Due to a large geographic area for M-T, savings cannot be realized
 - District will continue to investigate and also ask for parent feedback
- Communication
 - Principal Chats: 6 times a year with rotating times / updates, insight, Q&A
 - PTO / PTSO Meetings
 - Short Kilts: PTO / PTSO newsletter
 - One Mailing per year - Graduation
 - Email blasts
 - Twitter: @brettbowershhs

- Resources: Chad Sova, Assistant Principal and Molly Navarro, Counselor
- Communication Breakdown
 - 90% of issues that arise
 - Schedule a quick phone call with teacher, sometimes better than email
- Independence
 - 9th Graders need parent support to get off to a good start
 - Staff will help support, please reach out
- Suggestions
 - Have a summer activity for your student in order to have friends in place to help with the fear of the unknown when school starts
 - Parents give kids a nudge to socialize, have them try a sports game or activity
 - Staff will help with socialization at lunch period
- School Supplies
 - Don't over purchase, come to school with a notebook and pen/pencil
 - Teachers will provide syllabus and supply lists
 - No Case-Its, students use backpacks
- Lockers
 - Very few students use lockers
 - Drain on resources to reset all the locks
 - Student will receive information over the summer to request a locker
 - Sports bags can be left in team locker rooms

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes-Roberta Sutcliffe

- The minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Christina Rater and seconded by Lee Heinrich. The April minutes were approved.

President's Report-Judith Wasserman & Jacqui Jones

- Area Council Update
 - School Supplies - \$4/box profit for the PTO – The sale has begun
 - MSA & Membership Took Kit merger
 - Will communicate with parents over the summer
- Vote on 2019-20SY PTO Board Members and Swearing in
 - Slate of Officers was presented by Lee Heinrich from the Nominating Committee
 - Co-Presidents: Judith Wasserman & Jacqui Jones
 - Vice President: Kerri Lewis
 - Treasurer: Kristyn Harrell
 - Secretary: Roberta Sutcliffe
 - Motion to approve was made by Maya Djurasovic and seconded by Cindy Anderson. Vote taken and approved. The 2019-20SY officers were installed.

- Mini Grant
 - Barbara Duenk, RDL Specialist is requesting \$213 for a microphone for the school's portable sound system
 - Motion was made by Lee Heinrich and seconded by Kerri Lewis. Vote taken, motion approved
 - Jodi Brekke, Math Specialist is requesting \$230 for dry erase boards and supplies
 - Motion was made by Maya Djurasovic and seconded by Christina Rater. Vote taken, motion approved
 - Lucy Reeve, 6th Grade Teacher, is requesting money toward a Comedy Sportz performance for the 6th grade.
 - The board is recommending a \$700 mini grant. The teachers will be able to use their PTO classroom funds and the rest will be covered by the student
 - Motion was made by Christina Rater and seconded by Lee Heinrich. Vote taken, motion approved.
- Bubbler in 7th Grade Hallway
 - Existing bubbler is broken and would like to replace with a Water Bottle Filler
 - Cost is \$2,800 and will come out of "Gifts to Lake Shore"
 - Replacement filter are maintained by the school
- Thank you Notes
 - Teacher appreciation and a nice card made by the 7th grade for 1st Stage

Treasure's Report

- The 2019-20ST budget was approved in April for \$23,000 and posted to the PTO website

Committee Reports

- 8th Grade Promotion
 - Volunteers needed
 - Fold and glue diplomas
 - Dads to help chaperone the dance
 - Dance—Taco bar catered by Qdoba
 - T-Shirts—Will arrive in time for Six Flags
 - Permission slips—Please turn in
- Greek Olympics
 - June 7th, unable to avoid Donges Bay's TEAM Day
 - Come to school dressed in Togas
 - Volunteers needed, please sign up on MSA
 - Mr. Johnson has sent home a food item request

- MTEF
 - \$250,000 granted this year for Curriculum and Technology
 - Dine Outs: May 22nd Noodles 4-8pm
 - Color Run / September 7th, 2019
 - Early Bird registration before Father's Day
 - Color throwers needed for June 29th Fun Before the 4th parade
 - 75 Nominations were submitted for Excellence in Teaching Awards
- Destination Imagination (DI)
 - Will be run as a school activity next year
 - Information Night is June 4th from 6-7pm at HHS

Thank you all for a great year and much support!

Meeting Adjourned

In Attendance: Judith Wasserman, Jacqui Jones, Roberta Sutcliffe, Lee Heinrich, Linda Walsh, Jodi Miller, Alli Rudich, Brett Bowers, Christina Rater, Kristyn Harrell, Aliona Raykova, Kelly Ivancevic, Joel Van DeKreeke, Cindy Anderson, Maya Djurasovic, Susan Nolte, Kerri Lewis