



## Zionsville Community High School PTO Meeting Minutes

**September 21, 2015**

The Zionsville Community High School PTO met on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Kirsten Wujek, Laura Williams, Sandy Sifferlen, Laura Dunshee, Tami Hobick, Lee Ann Roeder, Karlee Moore, Jo Roberts, Julie Redman, Kristin Marron and Tim East.

**Welcome.** Kirsten welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Minutes.**

- Minutes from the April 13, 2015 meeting were presented. Karlee moved to accept minutes, Julie seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

### **Officers' Reports.**

#### **President's Report: Kirsten Wujek**

Kirsten thanked all the volunteers and Mr. East for the Back to School days PTO table. The flash store made about \$75-100 but was mainly in place as a convenience to attendees.

#### **Vice President's Report: Laura Williams**

Laura provided an update on the PTO Council (meeting of PTO Presidents, Vice Presidents and Dr. Robison). The council recommended attendees and others to attend the Citizen's Academy – a good way to learn more about the schools and town; ZEF will be holding its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this year and all are encouraged to attend; Jogathons will be starting up at the elementary schools this month; the council was provided a curriculum update with one theme as student empowerment; there will be maintenance appreciation days at the maintenance hub that will be supported by all the schools in the system.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Kirsten for Becky Culp**

- Kirsten reviewed the budget with the board.
- After discussion, a motion was made by Laura Dunshee to reallocate the \$200 budgeted for the Step banquet to the spring speaker funds. The motion was seconded by Julie and approved.

#### **Principal's Report: Tim East**

- ZCHS welcomed 13 new teachers, 2 long-term subs and a fitness coach this year. These were all mostly replacement positions.
- Current enrollment is 1920 students. Count is reported to the state two times per year.

- School goals remain the same – all students will be supported to earn an Indiana Core 40 with Academic or Technical Honors diploma. New potential state requirements will be evaluated and may require changes.
- Standards for assessments of learning will be more of a focus on “learning vs. earning.”
- ABM company in place.
- Parking changes are falling into place as well. Different but safer.
- Referendum – school personnel are prohibited from discussing or using school resources for the referendum issue.
- Bargaining – this is a contract year for the school and a new process. Board will be updated as it progresses.
- Senior Privileges- 197 seniors are eligible and October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for these seniors to go offsite for lunch. Student Union is also available for eligible seniors.
- Construction- New music suites are behind schedule but should be done in time to move after fall break.
- Cafeteria – new commons cafeteria is open to everyone (not just seniors as some may have thought). Students are making use of all three cafeterias during the lunch periods.
- Teacher of the Year – Lindsay Alessandrini is one of the top 10 in the running for Teacher of the Year for the state. The top 3 will be selected in October and the teacher of the year will be chosen in November.
- ACT/SAT data – ZCHS continues to exceed state and national averages on these exams. Of note, the students in the bottom quartile at ZCHS are at the national average and the averages for all students exceed the national ACT average by 6 points and the national SAT average by 200 points.

### **Committee Reports.**

#### **Staff Services:            Laura Dunshee**

Laura D. reported that the staff luncheon went well. Sub 16 partnered with the PTO to provide sandwiches for over 120 teachers. Next year, the board will need to evaluate whether to increase the budget for the luncheon to cover the costs of the luncheon.

#### **Student Services:        Tami Hobick and Lee Ann Roeder**

Tami reminded board that the homecoming beads will be distributed to the students at lunch this Friday.

#### **Volunteers:            Julie Redman**

Julie updated board on status of volunteers signed up on the iVolunteer website. Volunteers will be needed for upcoming needs, especially the cookie walk. The next newsletter and PTO blast will highlight these needs.

#### **Cookie Walk for staff:        Kristin Marron**

Kristin reiterated the need for volunteers for the cookie walk.

**Webmaster: Karlee Moore**

Karlee asked that board members to copy both her and Jo on messages so the information could be included on the website.

**Newsletter: Jo Roberts**

Jo reported that the first newsletter will go out on Wednesday, 9/30/2015. Information should be sent in by Friday of this week.

**Announcements:**

Upcoming PTO meetings: November 9, February 8, April 11 and May 16

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Cha Sifferlen