

# Zionsville Community High School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

The Zionsville Community High School PTO met on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 9:30 AM. Present: Shannon Ross, Jo Roberts, Tim East, Chris Smithhisler, Laura Williams, Lisa Kayes, Kirsten Wujek, Tami Hobick, Sherri Fritzoch, Karlee Moore, Elizabeth Rushton, Cindy Strachan and Mary Ortyl.

Shannon welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. Introductions were made.

## Principal's Report: Tim East

- Thanked PTO for back to school days. Teacher luncheon at the school helps to keep everyone on task and running smoothly.
- Power outage day - State has put a hold on the process for e-day make ups. The state board will determine if it will continue to allow e-days in the future. It was a trial run last year. Many school districts are requesting the process for this school year.
- High School e-learning - Roll out of program started. Karly Havlick is the e-learning coach helping the teachers. She is being paid through a grant from the government and ZEF. It is going well.
- Extra credit points for grade incentives are clouding student grades. The process is being reviewed by all schools in the district. Students will receive better feedback on their learning skills.
- College and Career Readiness Standard (CCRS, new standard) - (Common Core - old standard) - Implementation going great between the new and old systems. Students will be given two exams and the ECA plus an additional section for CCCRS accuplacer testing. The testing is to ensure no child left behind.
- International Studies - International fair is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Jill Woerner is still the point person. JJ Herner (France) is our sister school. Both schools will be working on sustainable and renewable energy. 30 students will arrive October 30 for two weeks, staying with host families. Over spring break 30 ZCHS students will go to France.
- AP Capstone - This program was introduced two years ago by AP. The program is similar to the IB program in the thinking and problem solving aspect. The program is so new that not all colleges recognize it. ZCSH is confirming that credit will be given to English and Humanities.
- School Safety - ALICE (Alert, Lockdown (Shelter-in-place), Inform, Confirm, Evacuate) Practice drill of shooter on campus. Train students on what to do both in and out of school.
- Hoosier Cross Road Conference - Lafayette no longer in our conference. Department chairs meeting at Hamilton Southeastern on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Other events to occur.
  - Student Leadership Summit
  - Speech Competition
  - Dog Fight - Academic Competition in Brownsburg
  - On - line art show cancelled this year
  - Focus on school improvement
- SAT 2014 - All ZCHS Students were at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the nation and state,

75% of ZCHS students were at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the nation and state.

- National Merit semi-finalists – ZCHS had 11 students qualify. West Lafayette and Carmel had more. Carmel had 45 semi-finalist. Zionsville will try to target what Carmel does right.
- Random Drug Testing – Topic was discussed at length in July and August. This has been tabled for now. Will be reviewed again in January/February when student handbook discussions occur. New handbook will be instituted March/April. ZCHS is the only conference school without a drug test policy. The high school has lost one student each year for the last 4 years due to drug usage.
- Other News –
  - New addition on ZCHS is on-time. The addition will be finished in October 2015. There will be 13 classroom conversions and 390 more teaching spaces.
  - New teachers – 9

### **President's Report Shannon Ross**

Thank you to those who worked Registration.

PTO Council Meeting with Scott Robinson: (presented by Tim East)

- Ground and maintenance: Our grounds for ZCS do not match community and neighbors. For property as large as the school system, need approximately 22-24 grounds people, we have 9.
- Academic services – Three employees are paid from earned income generated by the PAC/pool rental/Eagle Rec. These positions help with teacher development and student progress.
- Dr. Robison and ZCS and other schools are working with the state to update the funding formula for state aid. Trying to make it more equitable for all schools.
- Construction

### **Vice-President's Report Kirsten Wujek**

- Spiritwear flash sale with Lids netted \$377 for PTO.

### **Budget: Sandy Shifferlen** (presented by Shannon Ross)

- \$12,900 collected from membership dues.
- Proposed having more money for Fall grants. PTO proposed moving \$2000 to fall grant cycle raising money to \$10,500. Lisa Kayes motioned that the \$2000 be moved for fall grants. Karlee Moore seconded the motion. Board approved the motion. Applications for grants will be available end of October/early November. Grants will be awarded before Thanksgiving.
- Transportation bill was paid.
- Current balance \$15,657.

### **Student Services: Laura Williams and Tami Hobick**

- Oct 3 is Homecoming. Beads will be distributed again to students. May relates theme to the homecoming theme.
- October 31 Halloween Treats (cookies) will be given to students. 4 Volunteers needed.
- Cookie Walk coordinated by Kristen Marron

**Staff Services: Chris Smithhisler and Elizabeth Rushton**

- Staff luncheon. Subs 16 provided the subs for the luncheon for a cost of \$250. Everything else was donated.
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- Next year less chips are needed. Table clothes for recurring luncheon should be purchased to make the meal nicer for staff. Tim says that the school has tablecloths so PTO needs to ask Cheryl English to borrow them.
- Next time need to ensure all staff invited.

**Volunteers: Lisa Kayes and Julie Redman**

- Each committee chair should review own part to make sure all is ok, no mishaps. Each chair should keep eye on list and let Cheryl English know if Tim East needs to put a note in his Friday newsletter about need for more volunteers and the link to the website.

**Webmaster/Newsletter: Jo Roberts and Karlee Moore**

- Next PTO Blast goes out September 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember to take pictures at events so they can be placed in the blast.
- Now have website and Facebook page. Have had 40+ likes on FB page.

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2014 at 9:30.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ortyl