

VBMS PTA Meeting
2/12/20

Welcome and Intro

Attendees: Kim Schultz, Chris Weiss, Kelly Lambroff, Mrs. Scherr, Courtney Graves

Approval of January Meetings:

- Motion to accept minutes – Chris made a motion to approve, Kim seconded the motion

Ms. Scherr/Mr. Fox Report:

- Fox says Shamrock shirts going in next week and will put bill in PTA box.
- Attendance – kids are starting to getting excited because Fox is tracking it on a bulletin board. Kids are paying attention to it.
- Have been meeting with immigrant organization. Seven families signed up originally but we have 12 total who are interested. Will get them connected with some resources.
- Candy grams – move into cafeteria to sell inside for tomorrow in the hopes of increasing sales.
- Surplus of flowers – 70 ish teachers – 100 staff – sending text to check email that parents can come in and buy flowers or candy grams for their kids. Maybe give more than one to kids on Friday? Maybe give to teachers.
- Go Guardian – monitoring system for chrome books. Teachers can monitor live time what kids have opened. If you see them on something they aren't supposed to be on they can be suspended from the site. There's a feature where things can be flagged and we can get a report so we can see what kids are accessing. Red flags to monitor what kids are searching. Parent features will be enabled eventually. 7/8 schools have it now.
- E Hall Pass – electronic pass system to track kids where they are and how long they've been gone. Rolling out Feb 18. We are using a free trial period as a pilot. Students put a request on the chrome book and teacher can approve it. You can set parameters to keep kids who don't get along from being out in the hallways together. Independence Middle School just started using it this week and teachers can see where their kids are going through their phones when they are out of the building.
- Kelly read an article on the Say Something app which is an anonymous reporting system created by the Sandy Hook organization. From the chrome book or from their phone, kids can report things they are uncomfortable with. Ms. Scherr hopes that eventually kids will feel comfortable in using Schoology to send emails to teachers and admin if there are concerns.

Treasurer : Neviana not here – 4040.97 balance

Membership – Carlye not her – Few membership issues to be resolved.

VIE – Natasha – Kim Schultz VOY

- Sign up geniuses being created for some upcoming events like 8th grade writing sol for March
- We need to complete Volunteer of the year paperwork
- Everyone has been super responsive about prizes for PBIS.

- Regarding PBIS, ordering some little prizes to add as incentives for positive behavior. The librarian is thinking about working on a game garden in the cafeteria which will be another space that kids can save tickets and go to as an incentive. Good for shy kids. Maybe use chrome books as an incentive.

- Prizes are distributed every Friday

Box Tops – check came to school and now is deposited to PTA. Blurb in morning announcements coming for clippable box tops. March 2 is deadline; due date for box tops at school is February 22.

Concessions – all good

Hospitality – Connie not here, no report. Did lunch for counselors this month

Newsletter – Sarah not here, no report

Reflections – presented winners with gift cards at winter sports night.

New Business - Need to start recruiting people for our positions if we are leaving VBMS.

Next meeting March 10th at 10 am