

PTC – (Parent Teacher Club)

Meeting: October 22, 2015

Minutes

Present: Traci Doyle, Yvonne Gramling, Wendy Linebaugh, Alexandra Manzo, Dorothy Stevens – (Parents); Kevin Dobson, Jim Fritch, Doug Hughey, Stephen Osborne, Valentine Ionut Plapamaru, Matthew Schneider – (Staff)

This was the second meeting of October; we are focused on completing everything for the Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 30, scheduled from 6-8 pm, with a Harvest Dance to follow at 8-10. All of those who attended the meeting are greatly appreciated.

The next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, at 4:00, at the Global Youth staff lounge. This will be the last meeting before the event, and we hope it will be brief! ***If you cannot participate with your car/ trunk, please donate candy or baked goods for the Cake Walk!***

We met at 4:00, at the Global Youth staff lounge, and started off the meeting with an agenda focused on Friday's Trunk-or-Treat event:

1. Sports Programs - Soccer season: Review
 - Basketball: Team Building

2. North Country Elementary School – Volunteer Event: Friday, October 23, 2015 – 4-8 p.m.

3. Harvest Festival Event, featuring Trunk-or-Treat & Harvest Dance – Friday, October 30, 2015
 - Stations & Volunteers
 - “Trunk or Treat” – (Cars) – Yvonne Gramling
 - Haunted House – ASB & Traci Doyle
 - Carnival – Traci Doyle
 - Cake Walk
 - Games
 - Pumpkin Patch & Free Face Painting – (Children only)
 - Food
 - Hot Dogs & Water – Alexandra Manzo
 - Halloween Candy
 - Dance

4. Fundraising
 - Snack Bar
 - Cookie Sales
 - Candy Bar Sales
 - Basketball Tournament

Details of the Agenda

*(Example) Mark your Calendar: Friday, October 30, 2015 – **Harvest Festival Event**, featuring Trunk-or-Treat & Harvest Dance*

1. Sports Programs - Soccer season is over. With the Basketball season on the near horizon, Coach Dobson has been running team building exercises and practices. There is a mandatory meeting after school on Tuesday, October 27, at 3 pm – all interested students and a parent or guardian must attend the meeting to be eligible for the season.

2. There is a volunteer opportunity for Global Youth at North Country Elementary School – they are staging their “Trunk-or-Treat” event on Friday, October 23, 2015 – 4-8 p.m. We are looking forward to representing the school with out participation!

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We need more active parents and families participating in these events, including help with costs and preparations! The required 10 hours of annual participation per student as described in this year’s Student Handbook can be easily met with active participation in at least three school events.

5. Recruitment remains an important priority. Although numbers have built up, enrollment is alarmingly low. Regarding the screening and interviewing of potential students, the group agreed such a move represents a welcome direction though its immediate application seems unrealistic and will instead be implemented through the first semester. Some of the suggested requirements include: essays or prompt paragraph responses – (including a parent essay), and an interview process requiring the participation of both the prospective student and a parent or guardian.

Regarding volunteer requirements, the group suggested a requirement of either 10 hours and/or participation in at least three school events.

6. Regarding attendance issues, group elected to maintain current attendance policy as stated in handbook, with increased enforcement.

Regarding academic issues, group suggested a uniform homework policy – with half-credit for late work, and a limited opportunity of no more than 2 days after assigned due date for credit.

Our next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, at 4:00, in the Global Youth staff lounge.

See you then.

Your friend,

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