

PTC – (Parent Teacher Club)

Meeting: October 29, 2015

Minutes

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

This was the third meeting of October; the final meeting before 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. We focused on last-minute preparations for the event.

The next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, at 4:00, at the Global Youth staff lounge. The event itself occurred after these minutes were completed, and it was a roaring success! Thank you to everyone who participated! *Go Bulldogs!*

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 - Basketball: Team Building

2. Harvest Festival Event, featuring Trunk-or-Treat & Harvest Dance – Friday, October 30, 2015
 - Event: 6-8 pm
 - Dance: 8-10 pm
 - Stations & Volunteers
 - “Trunk or Treat” – (Cars) – Yvonne Gramling – Cars **need** to arrive by 5pm
 - Games – (in Staff Trunks)
 - Haunted House – ASB & Traci Doyle
 - Carnival – Traci Doyle
 - Cake Walk
 - Pumpkin Patch
 - Food
 - Hot Dogs & Water – Alexandra Manzo
 - Halloween Candy
 - Dance – (including Fritch's coffin for Photo Booth)
 - Mr. Hughey & Mr. Fritch

3. Fundraising
 - Snack Bar
 - Cookie Sales – Butter Braids: (order forms due November 10)
 - Candy Bar Sales
 - Basketball Tournament

Details of the Agenda

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 for *both* Boys and Girls teams!

2. Harvest Festival Event, featuring Trunk-or-Treat & Harvest Dance – Friday, October 30, 2015

3. 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.

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.

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.

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See you then.

Your friend,

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