

PTO General Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Those is attendance- see attached attendance sheets
Meeting started at 8:49

General Business

Welcome and Introductions- update attendance sheets and committee rosters

Principal's Report- smooth start to school except for transportation. Late buses to school in the morning and afternoon. Improvements being made, but still some problems. Issue is lack of drivers and routing.

-One to one initiative will be rolling out this week for 7th grade. Each chrome book will be scanned out to the child for the year. It will be checked out in first block and returned to same block at end of day. They will be carried in backpacks throughout the day.

-6th grade does not have lockers yet, but will likely have lockers soon so that they can change out books/supplies throughout the day.

-Cell phones have no place in the classrooms this year due to presence of Chrome books. Not encouraging kids to use cell phones on campus.

-We lost our French teacher this summer and were not able to find a replacement. For 8th graders in French 1B, they are taking a virtual French course with a supervised staff member present. There has been documented success within CMS with this type of program. Mr. Folk plans on expanding this option for 8th grade students in the future with additional language options (German, French, Latin) with continued support from Myers Park High School (ie: high school credit and language continuity)

-Chorus is back at AG. Hired Chris Brown from Sharon Elementary to run the program.

Budget Vote and Finances- If need to be reimbursed for expenses, go to AG website, click PTO and look for check request form and submit form and receipt to Lee Hamm. Operating on similar budget as last year. \$227,480 dollars is our operating budget. Looking to Spend \$189,000 of the budget this year. (Anticipating \$95,000 in donations from invest campaign)
Motion was made to approve budget- budget passed.

Committee Business

Calendar- AG website is latest most up to date source of information including the calendar. Weekly Bulldog bulletin will be current as well.

Communication Procedures- Bulldog bulletin: For items to be announced, please send the Friday before Wednesdays publication.
Keep information fresh- have it run no more than two weeks.

Committee Reports

Invest: last year campaign raised \$121,000. (\$3500 went to sedgefield)
Increased participation is a goal this year. Funds raised covers operating budget, curriculum supplies, after school clubs, staff development, campus beautification, etc. Campaign will start in two weeks and will wrap up in December.

Reminder of Important Dates

Meeting adjourned at 9:15