

Jr Boosters/ Site Council Meeting

8/25/2019

Start time: 7:07

End time: 8:30

Attendance:

Mr. Cramer, Samantha Aeschliman, Chassidy Brunton, Haley Burgess, Rachel Davidson, Megan Dennis, Janet O'Donell, Molly Graversen, Anne Gunden, Sara Johnson, Shelia Kinkelaar, Cody Lee, Bria Lehr, Sara Looney, Elizabeth Mosley, Misty Schrag, Nicole Thomsen and Amy Williams were in attendance

Treasurers Report:

Current Budget: \$2,196.65

Jr Boosters provided a back to school lunch that cost \$264.98 This year we did sandwich trays, chips, a veggie tray, cookies and water for the teachers. Our next expense will be the Back to School Dance DeeJay. Amanda explained her detailed Treasurer report to the group!

Dances:

The Back to School dance provided a huge discussion. Our Back to School was scheduled for Friday, September 20th. As we discussed this is on Fall Fest Friday. Attendance would be extremely low. All Fridays in September have a home football games. We feel as a group that attendance would be down. Dances are our only Fundraiser that we do, so its important to find a date we think would have the most attendance. As of now Mr. Cramer has made an exception to allow us to host the Back to School Dance on Saturday, September 28th at 7pm. This would correspond with the High School Homecoming dance that night. However, he did want us to check with Ryan Jones to see if we could combine our dance with STUCCO's Halloween dance and split the profits. There has not been a response from the email to Ryan. If that's a no go then we will go ahead with the September 28th date. Michelle Truman, one of the dance coordinator, stated that All World Entertainment, our current DeeJay, has raised their prices from \$325 to \$375-\$385. We have to decide as a group to stay with that company which has been wonderful all around or start shopping for a new DeeJay service that would charge less. Brent Hightower said he would be available for our September 28th dance and charge us \$300. The next Jr Booster dance is scheduled for December 13th.

Principal Report:

Mr. Cramer introduced himself and Mrs. Lee as administrators. As well as Ms. Gunden, Ms. Aeschliman and Mrs. Mosely who will be part of Site Council.

Mr. Cramer said the school year is going good and he's thrilled to be here!! He spoke about the KESA accreditations and district goals. The third goal (school level), Mr. Cramer is hoping to implement is community engagement. He's looking at ways to get others involved, whether that be more communication to reach people, events, etc.

We've added 60 new students to the building.

The parking lot should be finished very soon. It was supposed to be finished by the end of August, but the weather made for delays. We all hope this will alleviate the some of the congestion of traffic before and after school.

Additional staff added this year were a Spanish teacher Mr. Medina, and a STEM teacher Mrs. Doane. Also, added was an ELA support specialist Mrs. Hooper and a Math support specialist Mrs. Thompson. The district is currently looking for a behavioral specialist at the Middle School. This position is paid for through a grant from Comcare. District officials are still in the planning stage of what this position looks like and building qualifications for the job.

Mr. Cramer asked all the attendees what their perceptions of the starting of the school year were! He was very receptive to those who made statements!

- Parents want an evening option for Back to School days (Chrome book and locker checkouts).
- Some spoke that their student didn't like to raise hand to move about at lunch time. (Safety issue)
- Other spoke of how the communication from the school was much better.
- Even mentioned was how students were extremely happy that Mr. Cramer took time to talk to them before school and told them to have a great day!!
- How to connect 6 graders with the rest of the school. They cannot attend dances or play sports. Just an awkward stage- too old for Elementary but too young for middle school.
- Maybe add:
 - Clubs
 - Each grade receives points that go towards a special reward

All the teachers in attendance, Ms. Gunden, Ms. Aeschliman and Mrs. Mosely said this has been the smoothest start to the school year they've experienced in a long time. Said all students seem happy!

Other News:

Jr Boosters is in search of a Secretary! Megan Dennis has offered to be our secretary for the 2019-2020 school year!

A discussion took place to change or keep the Jr Booster meeting dates the same as Mr. Bastian scheduled them last year or change them. We have decided to change the October 25th meeting to October 8 at 6.00 pm. The remaining Jr Booster meetings are: October 8, December 10, February 11 and April 14.

Chassidy is in the process of coordinating a date for Josie and Mr. Cramer to hold a meeting for 8th grade celebration. Hoping that will happen the second week of September! At that time Josie will hand over the 8th grade celebration notebook to the new group of 8th grade parents! She will explain what fundraising options they provided as well as how much they spent for the event and how much each student had to pay, etc.

Discussions to have a give back night. Maybe this year to do two. Freezing Moo and Pizza Hut. Both give back 20%-30% of their profits to Jr Boosters during a specified time frame on a certain date.

School Dances are the only Fundraising we do!

Conference teacher meal is set for October 8th! Misty Schrag will send out sign up genius asking parents to provide food for the teachers. We have decided on a Taco Bar for the meal. Pathways will also provide a meal to teachers during conferences.

Next Meeting is October 8.