

Dublin Coffman PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016

7:08 PM - PTO meeting commenced

Jill Kranstuber, President
Open - Vice President
Michele Conway, Treasurer
Karen Eicher, Recording Secretary
Mike Ulring, Principal

Also in attendance: see attached sign in sheet and Nichole Sutherland (guidance counselor)

Recording Secretary's Report - none. Minutes from the May 2016 meeting were available for anyone who wanted a copy.

Treasurer's Report - Michele reviewed the budget from 2015-16 school year. Reviewed bar chart with income and expenses from last year. Michele shared that the Faculty Performance nets us about \$6,000, which will take place this year (it's done every other year). She reviewed each of the first 6 buckets of expense categories.

Principal's Report - Nicole Sutherland spoke first and shared guidance staff updates. Coffman enrolled 75-100 new students at beginning of this school year. Nicole reviewed what's been done to make it as welcoming as possible in this large school. She then discussed Freshman Orientation program. The biggest mission for staff to make students feel welcome and connected. School counselors met with senior students the last week of August to go through the college application process which has a November 1st deadline. Counselors are getting in front of freshmen this week during their classes to help them navigate their transition to high school. Next week they'll be in front of the sophomore class to talk about coping strategies for stress. Finally, they will be in junior classes in November. Nicole talked about homecoming – the biggest dance Coffman hosts (around 800 kids) – will need chaperones. This year's Homecoming theme is Unicef as this is the charity selected by students that will receive \$2 for every ticket sold.

Mike Ulring: Mike thanked the group for coming tonight and highlighted that 8 men joined the meeting 😊. Mike called out some of the items on budget are for teachers but the majority goes to the kids. He spent time talking about the Shamrock Grants and how that money goes directly back to the classroom. Mike stressed the value of coming to PTO meetings to get information but to also be able to ask questions. Homecoming: Mike explained the change in expectations/rules that stemmed from school dances that took place 3 years ago – no dirty dancing. This has not been an issue since the expectations were shared with students. Faculty Musical: this is a huge fundraiser for the PTO. It's a true musical that's scheduled for 11/30, 12/1 and 12/2 matinee. All proceeds go to the PTO and we'll be asking for volunteers. Working Wednesdays: reviewed that most every Wednesday is a late start for students (occasional exceptions). If a student rides the bus, he/she needs to come at regular time since we can't change the bus schedule. Great professional development time on these Wednesdays.

AIR testing: Mike also discussed AIR testing and that in the next day, the state is going to release testing results. You're going to see a big decrease in the state results as well as the elite districts. This will be another ding on public education. Rather we can look at a great indicator which is the ACT results. In 2015, 393 seniors took ACT we averaged 25.4 and the nation average was 21. In 2016, national average dropped .2. In 2016, we had

448 seniors take the test and scores rose to 26.4. Starting with class of 2018, seven AIR tests will be taken and students need 18 total points from those 7 tests in order to graduate.

Committee Chair Reports: Overview of each committee and what they do.

College and Career (Kendra Gagne & Barb Nelson): Liaison between college reps visiting Coffman and our students.

Baccalaureate (Lisa Guzik & Michele Conway) – Thursday, May 25th – PTO sponsors reception after event

Celebration of Excellence (Wendy Schwantes) – needs a co-chair

PTO President's Scholarship (Susan McCarthy) – Will need volunteers for Coffman to participate

Senior Banners (Jeff Wasserstrom) – this is a PTO fundraiser

Casino Night - need chairperson/people – Susie left detailed notes to chair/co-chair the event. May 12th is the date of the event.

Shamrock Grants (Paula Rosenstein) – work with staff to coordinate staff applications and the process of awarding grants

Family Phonebook (Marsha Moore) – Jill polled group to see if they like having a paper book

Faculty Performance (Melanie Hitsman) – Mike addressed in his update

PERC – need a PERC rep – Paula Rosenstein suggested people attending planning meetings – she reviewed the upcoming speakers. Next Dublin Family Night is October 3rd. Next PERC meeting is September 21st.

Hospitality – Holiday Staff Desserts and End of Year Luncheon need chairs.

New Business:

Raffle – Jill explained how it works

Website – new site CoffmanPTO.org – there will be a link from Coffman's website.

FB Page (Coffman High School PTO)– new this year and has a lot of information on it. Considering starting a twitter feed.

NHS Collars – Susie Watson wants to know if PTO will buy collars or contribute. Lots of discussion if this is divisive as Key Club wouldn't get the collars as well as other groups. No decision made. Just presented as discussion at this point.

Upcoming Events: Jill review the list of upcoming events listed on the agenda. Will need volunteers for these events. Band on the Run – funds stay at Coffman for the band. 5K and the band members play along the route.

Next meeting date is October 12th and meeting in the faculty lounge.

8:39 PM - Jill Kranstuber motioned to adjourn the meeting, Karen Eicher seconded the motion.