

Dublin Coffman PTO General Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

7:07 PM - PTO meeting commenced

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

Recording Secretary's Report – Minutes from the January General Meeting were available for all attendees.

Treasurer's Report – The budget report was distributed and Michele highlighted that the Shamrock Grants have been awarded and will soon be posted to the PTO website. Mike clarified that some items were shifted from the PTO over to the Principal's budget and that we tried to award full amounts to programs that benefit the greatest number of Coffman students.

Principal's Report

Scheduling for 2017-18 School Year: Mike introduced Megan Burton, Counselor at Coffman, to discuss the scheduling process for students. Megan described Advisement Day when teachers talk with each student about courses that would be a good fit. Additionally, counselors have scheduled times to meet with each class to review schedule choices and make appropriate recommendations where needed. This year, students are to enter their schedule choices online as well as turn in a paper copy. Mike encouraged parents to email counselors with any questions about scheduling for their child and to refer to the Course Handbook under Dublinschools.net and Coffman's Guidance link. A concern was raised by a parent that the student's social security numbers were printed on their transcripts. Mike explained that this was an error and will not happen again going forward.

Mike explained the 2 changes in requirements for students: 1. A student participating in 2 seasons of any sport can waive both PE classes. Students will still need to earn 21 credits to graduate. 2. All incoming freshmen will be required to take Personal Finance.

Committee Chair Reports: *You can find the Committee chairperson email addresses on the PTO website so please feel free to contact them directly.* WWW.COFFMANPTO.ORG

College and Career (Kendra Gagne & Barb Nelson): www.Naviance.com- volunteers will be limited to parents of Juniors and Seniors in 2017-2018

Baccalaureate- Thursday, May 25, 2017 (Lisa Guzik & Michele Conway); Graduation is on May 27th at 4:00 pm and the space has been confirmed.

Celebration of Excellence (Wendy Schwantes) – The event is April 19th and all notifications to winners are complete. Next step to coordinate invitations and photo shoot. Wendy requested the list of Hospitality volunteers. Melissa Prond is working with Wendy on this year's event and will take over as chairperson for the 2017-18 school year.

PTO President's Scholarship (Susan McCarthy) Michele Conway is helping Susan with this program.

Senior Banners (Jeff Wasserstrom) – The design contest will be held again this year and we'll pursue a black t-shirt. It was agreed that Rock News would be a good venue to advertise the contest open to all students. Jeff reviewed the options between 2 companies for senior banners and had samples of their designs. Last year, 164 banners were sold for \$70 each and our cost is \$55. A question was raised if the PTO could lower the cost to make it more affordable for more parents. Jeff is going to talk with the current vendor (Sign-A-Rama) to see if the cost can be lowered and if ordering online can be an option. Jeff will also contact a new vendor (Sign Master) to get references.

Casino Night– Friday, May 12, 2017 (Margie Matthews, Monica Choi, Amy Eichenlaub, Jen Babner) Huge thank you to the chairpersons for stepping forward to lead this event!

Shamrock Grants (Paula Rosenstein) –Grants have been awarded and will be posted soon on the PTO website.

Family Phonebook (Marsha Moore)

PERC– The next event is “Life A Day In My Life” – a panel discussion with teens from all 3 high schools scheduled for March 23rd. There's a chance this date may change as it might conflict with Karrer's play, so watch your email for updates.

Hospitality

Sadie Hawkins Dance – February 11th (Jennifer Forbush, Melissa Prond, Lisa Esmond)We now have 9 chaperones and should be good on coverage, but would welcome 2-3 more volunteers.

Old/New Business:

Parent University: There is still time to register online for the Parent University to be held this weekend (2/11).

Fundraising: Jeff Wasserstrom presented several ideas for fundraising at Coffman:

- Selling Coffman/Rocks/Shamrock ties for athletes to wear on game days (possibly sell for \$10-\$15 each). The idea was also discussed having a generic shamrock design that could be sold to the general public.
- Selling gift cards through the “Scripts” program. He mentioned was the wide appeal and usage of gift cards so this could be a good addition to our fundraising efforts. Wendy Schwantes coordinated this program at the elementary school level – we'll ask Wendy to share with the group at a future date the sales potential from this program.
- Selling coupons to LaRosa's Pizza. Participants would buy a \$10 coupon (\$5 cost) to be used at the restaurant for 1 free pizza when you buy one (in total good for 14 free pizzas with accompanying purchase).
- Hosting an alumni game or parent prom. Tickets would be sold for each event to raise funds for the PTO.

Vice President Position: The role is currently open and we're looking for a volunteer to fill this position for the 2017-18 school year. The VP will help the president in the 2017-18 school year and then assume the role of president for 2018-19. It's also a good time to start thinking about involvement in any leadership position for next year as you can consult with the current leader.

8:24 pm meeting adjourned

Next meeting date is March 8th at 7:00 pm