Norridge District 80 PTA - Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

Agenda:

* **Call meeting to order @ 7:00 PM**

- PTA Board and members introduced themselves

* **Principal’s Report by Mr. Biedke**

- At Giles there is a school improvement plan. All changes and things implemented are all based on supporting the three main goals, MAP ELA, MAP MATH and Social Emotional Learning. Students took an iReady math diagnostic test to find out exactly what students will need in reading. Next week, students will take the ELA test. The week of 9/19 students will take the MAP tests.

- There are many new staff members in the building and they are still looking to hire a Para-professional at Giles.

- Fall Season of Sports: Cross Country had the largest numbers it has seen in a while and Boys and Girls Softball are well underway. In order to try out for any sport, you must have a current physical on file. Physicals are good for 13 months.

- Band is in full gear. The fee for Band is $212. They are looking for more 5th graders to join!

- Picture Day is September 26th for Giles.

- PBIS Rewards – students will receive a survey about these rewards. They are trying to get more certificates for free meals from local restaurants as prizes.

- 8th Grade: We would like to get an 8th grade sweatshirt order in early so students can wear them throughout the year. Dates to mark down: Graduation is June 5, 8th Grade Field trip is May 31 and 8th Grade Dance on June 2nd.

- There will not be a curriculum night this year.

- Conversations about Student-Led Conferences took place. Many parents expressed frustration with this process and would like to go back to more traditional parent teacher conference style.

* **Principal’s Report by Dr. Rabiola**

- There were assemblies for each grade level over the first couple of weeks. They discussed the school wide expectations and focused on what it means to be a Leigh tiger. Stripes the Mascot came out to greet students which was a highlight.

- Students earn PAWS (paper tickets) throughout the day when they are exhibiting the school expectations and can visit the PAW Store every other week to spend their PAWS at the school store.

- Fall Picture day is scheduled for Friday, October 14th.

- Leigh will plan a monthly spirit week with the first one being at the end of September.

- Beginning of the year assessments - 2nd-4th grade students will take MAP Assessments. These will take place on September 13th and 15th.

- There will not be a curriculum night this year.

**Last month’s minutes were approved by Katie McFadden and Giovanna Losacco.**

* **Treasurer’s report by Jennifer Adams**

- On July 31st, there was a balance of $38, 894.78. Jen passed around the bank statements to be signed and approved by members.

* **School Support**

- Welcome back cookies for the teachers on their first day back.

- PTA will cover dinner for one of the conference nights for staff - November 10th There was an idea to create a sign up genius for families to bring in items for a pot luck.

* **Committee Reports:** 
  + **Membership:**  Contest doing great, reminder to send emails to [Natalia.zanayed@gmail.com](mailto:Natalia.zanayed@gmail.com) or [Amanda.Mcphilips@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.Mcphilips@gmail.com) for entry into the pizza party contest. Working on a admin/teacher raffle with a target gift card (memberships purchased now will be automatically entered).
  + **Student Directory:** Last year there was a very low turn out with only about 15 people sharing their info on the directory.We are going to skip it this year and possibly have room parents generate a contact list for the families in that classroom.
  + **Room Parents:** Each classroom at Leigh will be looking for 1-2 parent volunteers to be the go to person for your child’s classroom. The room parents will send emails to the class about important information. The flyer that comes home will have a QR Code on it to scan and fill out a quick survey if you are interested. Weekly responsibilities will include connecting with the classroom teacher and sending out emails with timely information. Giles is still deciding if this is something they would want or need.
  + **Box Tops:**  Nicole G. is still interested helping with this again.
  + **Spirit Wear:** Talking to a couple of different vendors, getting quotes, focusing on paper orders and flat profit percentages.
  + **Assemblies: BMX Rider Matt Wilhelm** $1250 for both schools
  + **Book Fair:** Amanda shared the dates for the book fair at Leigh - November 3-11 and Spring is March 9-17. They will also set one up in the Spring for Giles. There was an idea to have the fair open on both parent teacher nights (3rd and 10th) and on Election night (8th).
  + **Dinner Nights/Family Fun:** Ideas include - Pizza Coupons, Movie nights, Drive Ins, McDonalds Fundraiser
  + **Halloween:**. In the past, we have done a haunted house on the stage and carnival games on the gym floor. We also had a DJ. This was a free event. Athena, Losaccos, Katey, Irene and hopefully Debbie will work on this. Tentatively planned for Friday, 10/28.
  + **Concession Stand:** Once indoor sports games begin, please let us know if you are interested in selling concessions at Giles.
  + **Daddy Daughter Dance:** Natalia, Angelica, Irene and Katie have volunteered to help. We will try for a spring date. Tentatively April 21st
  + **Mother/Son Dodgeball:** Irene will head this event. Date TBD
  + **Fall Dance (Giles):** Dr. Biedke suggested having two dances – one for 5th/6th and one for 7th/8th
  + **Fall Fundraiser –** Booster Fun Run; the last one was about 4 years ago and we raised about $20,000. The company keeps at least 50% of the profits. Irene will also go ahead with the wreath fundraiser
  + **Spring Fundraiser: TBD**
  + **Parents Night Out: TBD in the Winter/Spring –** Katie McFadden mentioned Nonno Pinos as an option
  + **Santa’s Workshop:** – Natalia’s Update: 2- or 3-day preference and set dates (Dec 7-9 or 8 & 9?) Bring back Giles pop up? Feedback from Dr. Rabiola - 3 days so he can schedule each class for 45 minutes each to help with congestion (especially around wrapping gifts), and asked that we hold off letting parents in until the last day to save stock for last day kids. Suggesting - Set Up: After PTA meeting  Dec 6th Days: Dec 7-9
  + **Teacher Appreciation Week - TBD**
  + **8th Grade Dance –** June 2nd
  + **PBIS Rewards**

- $1000 for each school

* + **Field Day -TBD**
* New Business

- PTA Closet needs to be cleaned out.

- Angelica was asking about the landscaping at both schools and was aware of some grants that she will look into.

- Another idea came up about an outdoor learning area.

* Adjourn Meeting at 9:08 PM.