

Tonawanda PTO Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Call to Order: 9:08am

Present: Spencer Mayhew, Sarah Beres, Anne Hardy, Helena Silva, Emily Lacey, Lisa Becker, Melissa Musante, Jessica Veazey, Nisha Gupta, Allison Malnar, Kris Ewig, Heather Andersen, Maria Broerman, Theresa Westphal, Kristin Olson

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Allison Malnar

The following topics will be discussed at the next Board meeting: Weighted grades, library renovations, tech use in elementary schools, amount of testing, grading policies for all schools. Board meeting schedule is posted on the district website. Meetings are one or two times per month on Tuesdays at 6pm and are open to the public.

PRINCIPAL REPORT– Kristin Olson

Thanked the PTO for the following: Holiday cookies for the teachers, Geography Bee, Battle of the Books, Chick-fil-A Dine Out, Bingo and Beer night.

Several assessments will be occurring in January: MAP testing, which is an adaptive assessment that is done on the computers (Kindergarten only does math and it's auditory based so there's no reading involved, and First Grade does their first reading MAP test in the spring); Teachers' College, which is one-on-one assessment; and Oral Reading Fluency assessments, in which the students have to read 3 one-minute passages. There are many other assessments happening throughout the year as well.

The All-District Read of The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane is currently in progress. There will be a book-themed Family Math and Literacy Night on February 1 at 6pm at Tonawanda.

Several long-term substitute teachers are joining Tonawanda: Susan Schneider (Special Education), Lynn Bisgrove (Art), and Kayla Walsh (First Grade).

Tuesday, January 23 at 6pm: Kindergarten Information Night.

This Saturday, January 13 from 8am-1:30pm: Family University. Parents only!

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Theresa Westphal

Wanted to point out that the Kindergarten Spa Day is going to conflict slightly with the May PTO meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT – Kris Ewig

Minutes from the December PTO meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT REPORT – Spencer Mayhew

Thanked the following people:

- Mr. Goffard for the Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books, All School Read
- Mrs. Olson for helping with the Geography Bee
- PTO members who helped assemble cookie boxes
- Lisa Becker for the movie night and for the upcoming Beer & Bingo night

The PTO unanimously voted at last month's meetings to proceed with incorporating and applying for 501c3 status. We will need to obtain minutes from previous years and update the bylaws. It was suggested that we start to centralize all PTO documents with google docs or something similar. Because we have to update the bylaws, Spencer asked for feedback on the new structure of 4 VPs. Melissa pointed out that this new structure works well because technically the VPs are also considered committee chairs.

Discussed succession planning for 2018/19. Vice Presidents are one-year terms, Treasurer and Secretary 2 year terms. Spencer is asking for volunteers to fill the Vice President positions, as well as the President position. Anyone who has chaired a committee is eligible to serve as President. Spencer would like to move the voting process up a month (Bylaws state that voting occurs at the June meeting). Motion was made to add an item onto next month's agenda in which we would vote on moving the voting process up one month. Motion approved.

Two steering committees will be set up. One will be to review the Bylaws and the other will be to set up guidelines for the EEF Scholarship.

Need a new chair for the Science Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – Lisa Becker, VP

- ***Dine Outs*** - Kris reported that the next Dine Out is at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, January 17 from 3-11pm. Need to show a flyer or mention Tonawanda to get credit. Also mark your calendars for the May 9 Dine Out at Parkside 23.
- ***Book Fair*** - Sarah reported that \$987.72 was made in gift cards at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Mr. Goffard will be working with the teachers to determine what books to purchase. The musical performances at the book fair helped bring people to the event, so this should be remembered for future fairs. The spring Scholastic book fair will be some time between 5/7 and 5/23. Exact dates to be determined. On February 21st from 10-noon Sarah is going to an event to learn more about

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- running book fairs and is looking for someone to attend with her. Let her know if interested.
- **Bingo and Beer** - Friday, February 2 at O'Donoghue's. Lisa reported that half of the 80 tickets have been sold. Purchase via the link on the PTO email from this past week or email Lisa at lisabeckeremail@gmail.com. Many auction items have been secured, but still looking for more. Let Lisa know if you would like to donate anything. You will be able to bid on the live auction items prior to the event, but those attending the event can then outbid.

Academic Enrichment – Mary Mayne, VP (Spencer reporting)

- **High Interest Day** - Still in need of volunteers to run sessions. Please contact Ellen Laubusch if available/interested.
- **Geography Bee** - Currently in progress
- **Battle of the Books** - Currently in progress

School and Family Relations – Nicole Eull, VP (Spencer reporting)

- **Parent Network** - Helena reported that Family University is this Saturday 1/13 at BCHS. Check the district website for further information and to register.
- **Bus Driver Appreciation** - February 15

Social Programming – Jessica Veazey, VP

- **Little Sweethearts Ball** - February 8. Will be including more activities that encourage interaction between the dads and daughters. Will most likely be selling pizza this year.
- **Boys Event** - Date to be determined. More info coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS

“Monarch Way Station” for our Butterfly Garden was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Need to put Fish Tank on the agenda for next month. Ben Boldt is taking over maintenance of the fish tank. Current fish guy might request payment for his equipment.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:39am

****EVENING MEETING****

Present: Matt Czervionke, Lisa Becker, Emily Hayes, Shelly Smith, Jessica Veazey, Mary Mayne, Katie Schmidt, Kerri Richlen, Allison Katula, Jayme Radomski, Spencer Mayhew, Nicole Eull, Kris Ewig, Kristin Olson, Allison Malnar

In addition to a recap of the morning meeting, the following was discussed:

- Jayme Radomski (Treasurer) reviewed the Profit and Loss statement.
- Nicole Eull asked for input on ways to get parents to understand the value of the PTO.
- Mary Mayne reported that Destination Imagination is going well.