**November PTA Meeting**

**November 14, 2019**

PTA President Jami O’Neill called the meeting to order at 9:25am

21 people were in attendance.

**Minutes Review                                                                                                        Carolyn Brace**

October minutes were approved.

**PTA Business                                                                                                            Jami O’Neil**

Math night was a great success. The staff was very appreciative of the dinner the PTA provided.

We have large volunteer needs in the next few weeks. Thanksgiving lunches take a great amount of volunteers to run smoothly. It’s a very fun and festive week to be in the school.

The Chipotle fundraiser is Tuesday 11/19. They are giving us 33% of the sales. It’s on Rolling Road near the Panera. Denise has arranged wonderful spirit nights that are awesome for both community building and fundraising.

**Cultural Arts committee chair is still open.**

We need new fundraising chair(s) for next year. We will also be looking for a new Vice President and Secretary next year.

**Treasurer's Report                                                                                                    Tammy Moffitt**

Balance as of November 11, 2019 is $54,918.44

Everything continues to be on target with the budget and even higher with income for the restaurant spirit nights.

The audit was presented and approved.

**Principal’s Update                                                                                                       Allison Jankovich**

Math night was fantastic with over 700 people in attendance.

Last week was Book Character day and the kids and staff enjoyed it. Check out the photos on twitter.

The Veterans Day celebration was successful with music provided by our students, a live streamed presentation in the bus loop, and hands on and informative visits from veterans to our classrooms.

The teachers in the quad give a big Thank You to the PTA for the ipads.

Local Level IV meeting at Irving is coming up for sixth grade students who receive Level IV services and are in the Irving Middle School boundaries.

Remember to nominate a staff member for outstanding staff member.

3-6 Horizon assessments will start on November 25th

Book Fair is November 18th-22nd. Evening hours are on November 19th.

Thanksgiving lunches are November 19th-22ndContact the office with any questions.

Monday November 25th is the FLE evening preview night for all grades.

Thanksgiving break is November 27th-29th

Dec 3rd AAP meeting on parent referring and the AAP referral process.

Dec 10th handbells and 5th/6th grade chorus concert

Dec. 12th interims go home.

**Clinical Staff Presentation** Maggie Wilkerson, Denise Mattingly, Paula Augenstein, Lisa Railan

Counselors have a session with K-2 classrooms weekly and upper grades once a month. They work with the students to develop social emotional skills and academic habits (including executive function skills). We also have our school wide wellness Wednesdays. Counselors are often the first contact when students, parents, or teachers have a problem or concern. Counseling groups are offered for students as well. They are usually 6-8 weeks long and include a variety of social and emotional skills. Teachers or parents can refer a student and parents will always be notified if their child participates in a small counseling group. There is a new clinical team Google site. It can be found on the Sangster homepage. Teaching behaviors, just like academic skills, is important and often takes reinforcement. Sangster is part of the RULER study this year. It is a study out of Yale all about emotional intelligence. All staff are being trained this year. They are learning to integrate social-emotional education into their teaching. Next year it will be implemented with the students. There was a handout with tips to start at home for building relationships, talking about emotions, and building empathy. Look for parent training in the future. If you missed the Angst screening you can go online to their website to see other places where it is being screened in the area. Teachers are looking forward to more social emotional training. The computer teacher shares the Digital Citizenship curriculum with the students. Most elementary students are not emotionally equipped for social media. Look for sixth grade parent nights to target more digital citizenship content. Contact any member of the clinical team with questions.

**Committee Reports                                     Jami O’Neill**

Fundraising                                                                                                     Denise Siderys

It would help if someone would come forward now for next year’s Fundraising chair so they can work with Denise now. Also, we need volunteers for Valentine Bingo, spirit nights, carnival- including wrist bands, and raffle. We hope to separate fundraising into the different areas. Right now Carnival is scheduled for Friday April 17th.

Spirit Wear                                                                                                      Tara Harvan

                                                                                                                         Becky McDermott

Reflections                                                                                                      Cherilyn McCall

Safety Lauren Cole

Science Fair                                                                                                     Karen Horvath

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Membership/Rewards Cards                                                                          Allison Jankovich

Directory                                                                                                        Connie Genne

Sarah Harding

Hospitality                                                                                                     Raihana Rasouli

**Cultural arts is still an open position**

Glass Case                                                                                                      Jacquelyn Fant

Volunteer Coordinator                                                                                    Jill Mitchell

Clubs Coordinator Christine Moniz

Pyramid Challenge Mary Beth Smith

Pyramid Challenge was hosted at Irving Middle School on Saturday, October 18th. Sangster had 96 runners which doubled our 2018 participation number. Josie Dolbeare, 1st grade, was the winner of the 1st grade half mile race. Noah Barger, 6th grade, placed 3rd in the boy’s one mile grades 4-6 race (there were a couple hundred kids in this race alone). Mrs. Obester supported the day's activities along with Ally Cox who volunteered as our Falcon.

We are still in need of a 2020 Pyramid Challenge committee chair.

**PTA Sponsored Clubs:**

• Robotics

• Math Club

• Chess Club

• Odyssey of Mind

• Fencing

• Girl Smarts

• RunFitKidz

• Musical Theater

• Military Spouses

• Spanish Club

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.