

# **Richland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2018**

## **Attendees:**

Gene Nicastro	Jeanne Nindl	Lynne Kelly	Brittani Namey
Amber Louis	Sarah Moye	Kristy Burja	Rachel Lenyk
Amy Tannert	Heather Rice	Trinity Johnson	Sarah Hurwitz
Crissa Jones	Marcia Sudo	Dana Dudkaski	Bridget White
Kristy Ryer	Sarah Hurley	Leigh Kolanz	
Rene Hoy	Mindy Bowen	Kristen Rice	

## **I. Call to Order/Opening Statement- Amber Louis**

- Introduced 2018-2019 PTO Board Members
- Approval of May 9, 2018 minutes by Amy Tannert and Heather Rice

## **II. Guest Speaker- Andy Petyak, District Safety and Security Coordinator**

- Two key components of success
  - Foster an environment in school where students and staff feel comfortable providing information
  - Very good technical department that stays on top of cameras
    1. Increased the number of cameras in schools
    2. Old cameras were updated with new HD cameras
    3. Northern Regional Police Department share our camera system and are able to monitor.
    4. Police presence is increased in schools
- Raptor system
  - New ID system
- Captured Vestibules
- Schools are now shut down during school hours so that the public may not be on school property while school is in session.
  - The track at Richland Elementary may be used by public as long as no other events are going on. Tennis courts and all other facilities are off limits.
- Continuing to add to technology

## **III. Principal Update- Gene Nicastro**

- Introduction
- Welcome to new families in the district
- Photo introducing K-6 Educational Elementary Team
- Introduced Mission, Vision and Values
  - Goal is for all three schools to have a similar experience
- General Housekeeping
- General Meeting Structure
- Reiterated safety & security measures
  - New signage to reflect closed campus

- Raptor badging
- NRPD office space in school
- Additional safety coordinator hired to work evening shift
- Mental Health Services offered in building
- Captured vestibules are just finishing up at Hance and Wexford
- Strategic Plan for 2019-2023 is currently being updated
  - Multiple opportunities for engagement and participation
- Superintendent updates
  - Two Main Areas of Focus
    1. Spotlight on 60
      - a. Celebrating 60 years
    2. Spotlight on Excellence
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video available

#### **IV. Old Business**

- KidStuff books or payments are due 9/14
- Summer Reading Projects due 9/14
- Student Directory orders due 9/14
  - This year the directory will be a pre-order only
- Pergola has been approved by district

#### **V. New Business**

- Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser will begin September 28
  - Orders can be picked up at ice cream social
- Box Tops will run October 1- October 12
- After School Programs will run 10/9, 10/16, 10/23
  - Two programs available
    1. Sing, Sing, Sing
    2. Baker's Dozen
  - Parent volunteers will help supervise with getting kids to right area and dismissal at the end of the program
  - In process of planning February After School Programs
- PTO meetings will now be bi-monthly
- Homecoming Spirit Week
  - Elementary Schools will be syncing with High School so that the daily themes are the same at all schools
- Independent Volunteer Meetings scheduled for September 25 at 9:30am and September 27 at 2:30pm.
- STEAM Lab coordinator position filled by Sarah Hurwitz
- STEAM Lab will kick off at the Ice Cream Social
- Gift of Time will run November 2- November 16
- RAM Run sign ups available on Friday flash
- November Bookfair will need volunteers. A sign-up link will be coming out on the Friday flash.
- Art Explorers seeking volunteers
  - Not much planning involved. Projects are already laid out.

## **VI. District at a Glance**

- PTO has been involved in supporting and raising funds for local family battling a brain tumor
  - Many fundraisers and community events are taking place
    1. Many are listed under the Community Outreach link on Pine Richland's website
  - Bracelets and T-Shirts for sale
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video available online

## **VII. Adjourn**

- Please join us for our next PTO meeting on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.