



## Conant PTO Meeting Minutes

8. January 2019

Call to Order: 7:08 PM

Meeting held in Media Center.

Introductions around the tables.

Minutes taken by A. Elowsky

December Meeting Minutes Approved

Nikole S first motion to approve, Jennifer Z agreed.

### Principal's Report

1. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, third and fourth graders received a note home describing how their student was randomly chosen to field a test in MStep reading that was being introduced. This is only a pilot and will not be counted towards their scores.
2. Discussed on the Friday Walkabout, using PBS – Positive Behavior System.
3. The beginning of the mid-year testing season is starting. Make sure kiddos get good breakfast and lunches, lots of rest. Important to have them ready and relaxed for tests.
4. Discussion around having a TV in the vestibule area of the school. However, Mr. Russo will strictly enforce parents and students NOT to hang out in that area of the hallway. It is a safety and security concern to have people lingering there.

### President's Report

1. Global Education Team (Debra J, Ella W, Mrs. MacLeod) Goal is to knowledge share across all buildings:
  - a. Create a sense of belonging and all-inclusive environment, everyone is welcome!
  - b. Discussed redesigning the Cub Culture back to be more All About Me
2. STAR Survey sent out via email. This survey asked whether parents wanted to begin school prior to Labor Day in the 2020/2021 school year, since Labor Day falls on the second Monday in September. Considered 'late' by usual standards. Please fill out the survey!
3. The next 4-6 years of school calendar scheduling happens now, so once the survey is collected it will be decided.

### Playground Fundraising

1. Pizza kits raised \$3300 for the school!
2. Some suggestions were to provide parents more notice prior to the beginning of the sale so that more families would participate – if we do this again.
3. March Parent's Night Out (PNO) – Flyer out with an early bird price and at the door pricing. Set for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Some ideas for raising money at the event:
  - a. Each classroom pick a theme and ask parents to donate towards a class basket. Dress it up and set out for raffle at the event. Kids take pride and also ask parents to bid on items they know are in some baskets.
  - b. Very the silent auction start points
  - c. Include things such as lunch with a teacher, principal for a morning, etc.
  - d. Staff kickball game with a class
  - e. Basketball shoot out with teachers
  - f. Spa, sports baskets are popular: MSU vs UM, garden, lottery ticket basket
  - g. Put all items for show on stage in gym prior to event so kids have opportunity to see and will ask parents to bid.
5. Fun Run
  - a. T-shirts different color for each grade.
  - b. Combine grades; K & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> on their own, etc.
6. Science Night
  - a. Partnership with Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
  - b. 97 volunteers signed up from H.S. because it can count towards their hour requirements!
  - c. Fourth year being used. Museum keeps track of exhibits and rotates accordingly.
  - d. Free event!
7. Multi-Cultural Celebration
  - a. Packets due Jan 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the event date
  - c. Free to attend
8. Art Smarts – Leigh Keiper to send out email in the upcoming week
9. Variety Show – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, need to reset 'tryout' date and will publicize once finalized.