

**Attendees:** Chris and Tamara Knudson, Erika Wald, Debra Dewitt, Debbie Donohue, Michael Amend, Tabatha Reeves, Madylin Hutchinson, Mindy Gagne, Jeff Daniels, Shawna Nicholson, Glenda Kohls, Karie Schaff, Jennifer Alexander, Kelly and Brandi Armstrong, Demetri Koston, Laura Pasco, Glenda Kohls

- **Principal's Update**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher – still need to hire
  - Coding (Microsoft) – still looking to hire
  - New band and strings teachers: Jerilynn Harris, Cameron LaPlante
  - Michael Amend – new Principal's Assistant (every other day)
- **New Student orientation** (Glenda)– 10:30 August 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - run by student volunteers
  - Direct parent questions to the PTG website
- **Financial Update (Erika):**
  - End of year balances:
    - \$25,512.18 checking
    - \$13,932.66 savings
    - Camp budget likely to remain same as last year
      - Camp scholarships
  - Schedule new budget meeting (Vote on budget at Oct meeting)
- **Fundraising** (Jeff Daniels)
  - Benefit mobile app – similar to e-Script but more convenient
    - More participation from local stores
    - Grocery stores, movie theaters, restaurants, etc.
  - Amazon Smile – school gets less %
  - Amazon associates 6-9% goes to school – Jeff set up an Odyssey PTG mini store with school list
  - Crowd Funding policy (District) – Jeff will review
  - APEX follow-up – Jeff sent another link to parents directly and send out another reminder with a link to pay – ACTION ITEM: Jeff to follow up with Curran
    - Continue pending budget review
    - Feedback: maybe move APEX to the fall and Play-a-thon to the spring.
    - Mindy suggested having the Play-a-thon coincide with the Silverwood reading and turn it in into a read-a-thon (about 33% of students participated)
    - Jeff suggested doing fundraisers that foster the culture of Odyssey
- **1<sup>st</sup> Day Information Packet (2016-2017 school year):**
  - College Camp budget/information (do we have preliminary numbers) – Debra will have preliminary numbers from Mike
    - \$65,000 college camp (outdoor camp cost approximately \$40,000)
    - Haven't made a decision about whether or not 4<sup>th</sup> graders will attend college camp
    - Debra is open to options for splitting up camp – make it fit a curriculum
    - WSU – Mike Cantlon has already visited the campus

- Forms – remove parent questions
- EPIC – service oriented program – similar to exploratories
- Back to School /Pizza Night
  - Separate events? Or one event?
  - Feedback: Parents did not like passport, would like additional time with teachers in classrooms
  - PTG Pizza Night will be a separate night – October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
  - Make Pizza Night into a Parent Mentor or Adopt-a-Parent Night to help new/incoming families to Odyssey.
    - Kids activities in the Gym and parent meeting (orientation) in another room
    - Serve Pizza and popcorn
- **2016-2017 Extracurricular activities**
  - Afterschool options? No more Boys and Girls Club. No other option right now.
  - Rhonda invited teachers at BLT meeting – update?
  - Tennis – Kevin Trim? Has all the equipment and would like to have tennis information night to get kids interested.
  - Chess Club (Sarah Cunningham)
  - Science Club
  - Math is Cool
  - First Lego League (Gerald Ocker and Sarah Cunningham)
- Boxtops:- Karie and Shawna will coordinate boxtops collection
- **Volunteer Needs :**
  - Current Open PTG positions –
    - Treasurer elect – open
    - President elect – open
- **Other Business: none**
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 PM