

Odyssey PTG Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2016 6:00 PM

Attendees: Tabatha Reeves, Debra DeWitt, John Dill and Cecelia Valentine (Inland Chess), Erika Wald, Yuri Morozov, Bree Hernandez, Anna Martinez, L'tanya Hanna, Amina Fields, Emma Thompson, Kari Fleming, Kate Otterstrom, Lynze Cummins, Bonnie Williams, Steve Williams, Kat Hawker, Shawna Nicholson, Chris Knudson, Larry & Laura Pasco

- **Principal's Update (Debra):**

- 10/5- had an exploratory meeting with 5 parents attending. Had 3 parents and 2 others send in courses. Still in need of more courses. December to June on 9 Fridays. Contact Dr. DeWitt if you are interested in helping. You can co-teach with someone.
- We are in the middle of our Guild School Drive- pennies for special needs students. Had an assembly last week. Students give their change.
- Evacuation drill last week- students did well and we learned what to do better.
- 8th graders took PSAT today- we thought it went well.
- We don't dress up for Halloween at Odyssey.
- Play-a-thon kick-off is Nov. 4th. Students get pledges and prizes for playing their instrument. They raised \$8000 last year. \$ goes to PTG and band/strings.
- 11/10- Veteran's Day Assembly @ 8:15AM- public invited

- **Citizens Advisory Committee Update (Shawna):**

- Scratch cooking- partner with Regional Health \$2.2 million grant, Odyssey participates. It will be sustainable once grant expires.
- Hoping SAT or ACT can replace Common Core test.
- EADMS instead of Amplify- more options
- PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports- soft rollout in all schools- focusing on positive behavior and restorative justice and conflict mediation instead of reactive discipline. Helping kids learn how to solve problems.
- They are forming a PBIS subcommittee with parents welcome on 10/25 at 3:30PM At Downtown office.
- Instrument availability- Odyssey students don't have access to district instruments because we have our own supply. Dr. Dewitt asked that if anyone still needs an instrument and can't afford to rent one to please let the office know. School instruments will be handed out differently next year.

- **Pizza Night Recap:** great turnout and lots of extra pizza. We donated leftover pizza to Crosswalk Ministries and they were very happy for the donation.

- **Tennis Club:** in progress
- **Math is Cool:** There are too many kids for the number of coaches we have. We really need a dedicated 6th grade coach.
- **Volunteer info:**
- **Science Club** – 1 volunteer to coach, waiting for clearance- we have two people willing to help but no one willing to be the head coach at this point
- **Chess Club:** John Dill from Inland Chess talked about the research related to the benefits of chess instruction and play. Parents asked questions. All children of any level and any or no experience are welcome.

- **Budget (Erika): vote to approve**

- Motion was made and 2nd. All approved.

- **Play-a-thon update:** Sign-up genius went out today for volunteers to help (11/1) get ready for kick-off on 11/4. Assembly led by Mr. LaPlante on 11/4. Prizes given during lunch on 11/6-8. 11/22 take down posters, count donations, and hand-out prizes.
- **Boxtops: status?** Class cup dates- Need to talk to Glenda Kohls to find out about Class Cup. Box tops haven't been collected yet.
- **Volunteer Needs :**
 - Current Open PTG positions –
 - Treasurer elect – open
 - President elect – open
- **Other Business:**
 - **December meeting:** Chris and Tamara out (someone else run or cancel)?
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 PM