

THMS PTO Meeting

03/08/2021

Present: Krista Chynoweth (President); Clint Freese, (Principal/Executive Vice President); Judy Winfield, (Free Money/Hospitality/AVP Coordinator); Brenda Miller, (TH Teacher Representative); Brenda Weller (Treasurer); Mirina Graell and Maria Abboud (Scholarship); Amanda Matthias-Caton (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order @7:05p.

Presidents Report:

Krista said that she will be sharing the scholarship timeline link with the PTO.

Krista reminded the PTO of the positions that will be vacated next school year. They include: President, Vice-President, Free Money Coordinator, Hospitality Coordinator, and Secretary. A short discussion regarding where to find parents interested in volunteering took place. Clint recommended reaching out to the elementary schools that feed into TH to see if parents of incoming 6th graders might be interested in joining the PTO Board.

Treasurers Report:

The PTO currently has a balance of \$4671.00

Teacher Representative Report:

Brenda reports there are currently no teacher requests.

“Lunch-out” delivery for teachers will take place this month. Volunteers are in place to coordinate.

Free Money/AVP Coordinator Report:

The 4th quarter restaurant night out will be on April 13th at City BBQ. This will be a competition with the other middle schools. In addition to receiving 20% of the proceeds for the PTO (with minimum purchases of \$500.00 total,) the winner receives a free luncheon for the staff.

Box tops- nothing new to report. Next check due in April. As mentioned last meeting, the switch to electronic filing has made a difference in what we receive making the total amount much lower than was typical in the past.

Kroger community rewards due at the end of May. Please consider linking your Kroger Plus card to TH.

District Academic Volunteer Program coordinators, Molly and Dasia are hoping to bring people back to in person tutoring in the 4th quarter. Accommodations such as plexiglass partitions, are being made to separate tutor and student for in person sessions. If interested contact Judy Winfield at thmspto.ccs@gmail.com for more information.

Hospitality:

No meal for teachers due to remote conferences. PTO brainstormed ideas for Teacher Appreciation week. Possible activities for the week include: massages, guest barista, breakfast bar, stocked fridge with goodies, catered lunch and raffles. Additional ideas contact Judy or Luann.

Scholarship Committee Report:

Deadline for applications to be submitted for TH scholarship is April 7th. CHS will get them to TH. Judges will include 1 teacher from each family and 2 parents from PTO. Judy and Amanda volunteered. Winner will record video message to be delivered to the teachers.

Lunch out Fridays:

Lunch out Fridays resume this week. Volunteers will pick up food from Doubleday's for the teachers and staff.

Principal's Report:

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Assessments are coming up in March and April. MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing typically occurs twice (1xFall and 1xSpring) a year but due to remote learning it is only being done 1 x this academic year in April or May. Last year the Math portion was not completed due to quarantine.

3/22 Reading/ELA for in person

3/24 Reading/ELA for remote learners

4/4 (and 4/5 if necessary) Math for in person

4/6 remote for Math

Ohio State Testing

Week of 4/19 Reading (all grades)

Week of 5/3 Math (all grades)

Week of 5/10 Science (8th grade only)

Parent teacher conferences went well. Better attendance this year due to the accessibility of virtual.

The Social Emotional Learning Team meets 1.5 hours monthly with the trainers at the Montgomery County Education Service Center. The team gets training on how to incorporate SEL in the classroom. Assessing where we are as staff regarding our own social emotional health helps us know how we can help students. Lately the training has been centered around how the pandemic is impacting our students.

In January, Kevin Wisniewski, TH School Counselor, made a presentation to the PTO about a possible change to the CARE program at TH. The CARE program is the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) program. PBIS programs are mandated by the State of Ohio for all public schools. The CARE program initiative rolled out 1 year ago and includes the following components: 1) positive clear behavioral expectations 2) creating prosocial behavior expectations among students 3) if a student isn't meeting said expectations re-teaching is the goal vs. punishment 4) power of positivity teachers/staff

give care tickets when they witness a student demonstrating CARE principles 5) CARE tickets handed out to redeem for rewards.

“Live School” is a digital behavior reward system that TH is piloting. The benefits of this digital option include: easy way to keep track of CARE tickets, parents can keep track of their students behavior using the app, good way to give positive recognition in both school and remote settings, and it may also be a way that teachers and parents could communicate. Last month the PTO agreed to donate \$700.00 to the school for the Live School pilot. Clint demonstrated the program to the PTO at tonight’s meeting.

The District is selling off land they own to the Park District and to Washington Township. The 5 acres left of the high school is being sold to Washington Township and the Park District is purchasing 28 acres on Normandy near Watts Middle School.

The math and reading summer intervention program will be larger than in years past. It will take place in June and will be invite only.

Dr. Henderson wants to remind everyone that the PTO cannot take place in crowd funding or go fund me programs to fund things they want to do.

Centerville Schools is conducting a facility assessment. This is coming out of the permanent improvement money not out of the general fund. This assessment will involve acquiring a massive overall picture/assessment of every inch of the schools to culminate in a strategic plan for facilities, staff and students. They have completed assessments inside all of the district’s buildings and next will be conducting the exterior assessments. The assessment will not be completed until the fall. TH will be replacing 9 of the rooftop heating and a/c units because they are over 20 years old. New units will be more efficient and therefore will save money.

New Business:

Last PTO meeting is in April. Hope to have a dinner together in May.

PTO should think of what we would like to spend surplus funds on and discuss next meeting.

The PTO is currently looking for volunteers to take over the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Scholarship Committee Chair

Academic Volunteer Program Coordinator

Hospitality Committee Chair

Interested persons please contact Krista Chynoweth at thmspto.ccs@gmail.com

Next PTO meeting will be April 12th at 7p.

Meeting adjourned 8:30p