

Avon Lake PTA Council
April 27, 2017

The meeting called to order at 9:05 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clipboard was circulated to record hours and check spelling of Potts Award recipients.

Superintendent's Report: Bob Scott

Thank you to all for everything you do. The Honors Banquet is this Sunday, April 30th. An email was sent to parents of students from 5th-12th grades regarding the Netflix series, "13 Reasons Why". This series is about bullying, depression and suicide. Please be aware of this series especially if your student is watching it. ALHS was ranked 3rd in NEO by US News Report. We were also ranked as the 165th STEM school in the nation. Administrator meetings will be held on a Monday morning next year. Our current tech individual is Tom Ansell.

President's Report: Christa Olijar

1. March minutes to be filed with no changes. February minutes still have to be approved by Bob Scott.
2. Kristen Masa presented the slate for the 2017-2018 PTA Council Executive Board: President Christa Olijar; Treasurer Nancy Klingshirn; Secretary Theresa Baker; 1st VP Jennifer Dalman; and 2nd VP Elizabeth Gedeon. Ashley Whitehead and Lisa Rish made a motion to approve the board as presented. The motion was approved.
3. There has been a question about PTA scholarships within individual schools. Can we do a line item in the budget to help fund a scholarship for a student? It was suggested to work through CRS and donate money directly to them earmarked for the student. Learwood does this for the 8th grade DC trip.
4. Jill Ralston from the ALPL is retiring. She has served on the board for 12 years. There is a card to sign. A motion was made by Kristen and seconded by Lisa to present Jill with a Potts Award from Council for her service. It was approved. Christa will send an email to the elementary schools to see if they want to fund a book for their individual libraries in Jill's honor.
5. Please check the spelling of the name of your Potts Award recipient. There was a discussion if we should resurrect the group plaque for Potts Award winners. It was last engraved in 2007. Maureen Dando will look into creating one out of cardstock instead. Elizabeth Gedeon will emcee the luncheon on May 18th. She needs a blurb on each winner.
6. Tru Pace is looking for ideas on how to promote the PTA benefits program. We could attach the list of benefits to the PTA form and make sure we mention that there are benefits. It could also be an electronic file that can be easily accessed. Elizabeth said we should also make sure businesses are working with the PTA units for discounts.
7. Tru Pace wanted to know if there are any others who have a conflict serving on the scholarship committee because of coaching, etc. It was decided that each school should have at least three members (has to be an odd number) on the scholarship committee going forward.

Treasurer's Report: Katy Grove

Starting balance was \$13426.22. PTA unit donations for scholarships were \$3332.62. We gave \$500 to After Prom. Ending balance was \$16259.45. The Honors Banquet request for donations was received by *all the schools except Erievew. Do we want to add a line item to the budget next year to fund half a table (\$300) at the banquet?*

1st VP: Nancy Klingshirn No report

2nd VP: Elizabeth Gedeon

Please let her know if you are attending the luncheon with Council. She also needs the names of the scholarship winners from the committee chairs.

Committee Reports:

Library: Jill Ralston – Absent 4/29 10 AM Children’s Garden Planning- all ages, sign up now 5/8 7 PM 3D Handprints Art Project- grades 4-6, registration begins May 1st 5/20 noon Plant the Children’s Garden- all ages, registration begins May 13th. The Library’s Children’s Garden was named the Project of the Year! We invite all age children (ages 6 and under must have caregiver present) to come and be a part of the garden! Director search is underway with a selection and announcement to be made by the June board meeting. A bike lending program for adults is in the planning stages....stay tuned. I am retiring in August so this is my final meeting. Thank you for all you and your units do!

Benefits: Tru Pace – See discussion in President’s Report

Bylaws: Kristen Masa – No report

Curriculum: Margo Bondar – No report

Health, Safety and Welfare: Nancy Klingshirn – No report

Membership: Elizabeth Gedeon – Erievue asked if you use CheddarUp can you still do paper forms? The answer is yes. You would just manually enter the information. CheddarUp is not required but suggested. At this time, everyone but Learwood is using it. All PTA units should have minimum dues of at least \$7.00. Elizabeth will be going to the teacher work day in August right before school starts to give a presentation on PTA membership. She will be signing up staff members on that day and giving stickers to those that do. She will be enlisting help from the membership chairs. The chairs could then go to the first staff meeting at their respective schools to drop forms in mailboxes.

Reflections: Ashley Whitehead – No report

Scholarships: Jennifer Dalman – She named the seven winners.

Delegates (from written responses):

Erievue: Book fair/art show/family fun night/food truck (4/30)

Westview: Fill the Truck Fundraiser/Prom with Mom/Titanic Day/4th Grade Recognition

Redwood: Glow Walk/Book Swap/Staff Appreciation

Troy: 6th Grade Senior Prom (4/28)/Book Fair/6th Grade Bowling/Field Day. There will be no Lunch on the Lawn this year. 8/16 Schedule/Package pickup for 5th and 6th graders. 8/21 Material drop off day.

Learwood: Staff Appreciation Week (May 8-12)/8th Grade Recognition Ceremony (5/24 9-noon at the PAC)/8th Grade Picnic with yearbook signing and cup distribution the week before. June 5th-9th Leslie Koelsch will be hosting art classes at Learwood for students in grades 5-8.

ALHS: Talent Show (4/20)/Staff Appreciation (5/5)/AP Exams May 1-11/OST Exams May 4-5

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Krissy Hart
Acting Secretary

