

ALCS PTA Council
Thursday, January 19, 2017

Call to Order: 9:03 a.m.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome- Christa Olijar

Secretary: Sue Mueller
Minutes filed as written.

Bob Scott

There was a bedbug scare at Redwood. The incidence was handled well. A bite was observed on a student and one bedbug was found. The rooms and busses were treated where the student was. They had been discovered about a week ago, and the replacement of mattresses and treatments were completed within days.

Before Christmas Avon's mayor called regarding the drug problem and what we can do. Avon has done very little with addiction and drug use. We have had two meetings as a group with Cleveland Clinic as a resource. A joint newsletter will be sent to each household going forward. Cleveland Clinic would like to come into the schools and work with the kids, especially the high school students. Our kids don't necessarily respond to parents and schools, but they do respond to professionals. Trainers are already working with both cities. Educating families on getting rid of prescription painkillers is important. We are working on putting a plan in place, so each group/grade of kids have a permanent guideline. They are currently doing presentations with individual classes. We require students that have been caught must meet five times with the LCADA counselors. They are also at the library Thursday afternoons. The program at the library is confidential and is utilized by students and parents alike. Students may go to counseling during study halls.

The IBM Watson program presentation is moving slowly. Our pilot group (which is 5th and 6th-grade language arts) will not happen until at least August of next school year. Natalie Fior has gone to observe the

program twice. Those schools have changed their needs, and as a result, the program is moving slower than expected. It is a three to a five-year pilot program. The program will follow these students through high school. Once a child goes into the system, it will be the central place for information on a particular child. Teachers will be able to go back and see a child's education path.

NRG update: they will remain open for the foreseeable future. The battle with the school district continues, and we have repealed with the Supreme Court. The county is valuing NRG next year at 80m. NRG wants valuing to be at 18M. Our concern is that when the value drops we lose revenue. The library would have to pay back \$42,000.

We are looking at redoing the media center at the high school. We did an audit, and we have 13,000 books in the library of which 10,000 books have not been checked out. The book section is being looked at a redesign to be used as a teacher center and utilized as a teaching area. Books will not be done away. The books that are not being used are being looked at to possibly sell. There may also be a digital library, which is already being utilized.

Legislation for state funding is ongoing. School districts receive money back for tangible personal property. State Legislature personal tangible property was considered a bad tax. The local revenue needs to be replaced. School districts like Berea receive 10m and would lose that money. They would have to put up a levy for 8M. Fair Funding, there are 80 schools, including parochial schools, receive funding. The State gives us \$900 per student. Kasich vetoed, and we are trying to reclaim.

SWOT is going well. The principle's meeting is this afternoon, and the piece for the community should be finalized. Some changes should be expected for next school year. SWOT will be revisited every few years.

Consumer Sciences should be brought back (spoken about by Krissy Hart). Every student would benefit from this class. Keyboarding and, Communications are being looked at to add next year. More classes should be offered for students that are middle road and that each student can take as opposed to honors or AP classes.

The Code Red glitch has been fixed. We had tested it, and it worked at that time. When it came time to use Code Red they had not connected Avon Lake.

President's Report- Christa Olijar

Nominating committee for next year is needed for Treasurer, Secretary, and 1st VP (programs).

POTTS Award nominating form will be emailed to Council members. Nominations are due April 1.

Ohio PTA Awards link will be sent to Unit Presidents.

Nurse Award Feb 1

Outstanding Educator March 1

Helping Hands March 1

Learwood may be doing a possible assembly. ROCKS assembly organized by Mrs. Butts. She's looking to reaching out to the district and asking if PTA Council would be interested in supporting. This would be for 2017/18 school year.

Information for After Prom will be coming out promptly this year to each PTA Unit. Please be looking for that information.

Treasurer's Report- Katy Grove

November Beginning Balance: \$13,024.07

December Ending Balance: \$13,025.15

Invoice to St. Joseph's for Reflections has been sent out.

PTA Units will receive an invoice for council scholarships on February 1 to Treasurer's.

District Office breakfast in April will be catered. Donations from council members will be asked for. The council breakfast is April 27.

1st Vice President- Nancy Klingshirn

Nothing new to report.

2nd Vice President- Elizabeth Gedeon

No report.

Luncheon will be May 18.

Committee Reports:

Library: Jill Ralston

"After School Flicks" will be held at the Old Firehouse for teens and will be held monthly. Popcorn will be offered.

The library weeds books by holding the book sale and also use Better World Books. They sell the books and provide the boxes and pay for shipping. The Friends receive the money. It's not very much money, about \$300 each year.

Benefits: Tru Pace

No report.

Bylaws: Kristen Masa

No report.

Curriculum: Margo Bodnar

Health, Safety, and Welfare: Nancy Klingshirn

No report.

Membership: Elizabeth Gedeon

No report.

Reflections: Ashley Whitehead

No report.

Scholarships: Jennifer Dalman

Scholarships available February 1 and are due February 24.

Delegates/ New Business

Discussion on increasing membership at each unit occurred. Several ideas were discussed. Suggested that 2nd VP (Elizabeth) attend a Principles meeting to discuss PTA membership and give them an incentive to increase membership. At the high school, the idea of a department membership contest was suggested. For membership contest, a deadline in October would be required. A dress down day for an incentive was suggested.

Adjourn: 10:48 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 9 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Mueller