

ALCS PTA Council
Thursday, November 17, 2016

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome- Christa Olijar

Welcome to Brooke Nordaune working with Tru from Westview.

Bob Scott

The high school sent a letter to parents regarding diversity and how students are treating each other. A young lady was called a racist name and students around her were quick to defend her. We felt it is an issue that needed to be addressed quickly. The person who made the racist comments was suspended for ten days. In meeting with students, Dr. Cocco was told it runs much deeper. One of the teachers spouse is a specialist in how to deal with this issue and will work with the teachers on how to respond and lead in diversity issues. The training will start with the high school and Learwood. At the younger levels they work on diversity on a regular basis. Dr. Cocco discussed the letter with more detail at the High School PTA meeting earlier this week.

We have a lame duck session happening right now with the State, and we had a rally at the State House.

Another letter will be going home to high school families regarding graduation requirements. 4's and 3's are passing points and you must have 18 total points to graduate now. These tests are brand new but superintendents are trying to tell the State that these assessments are not valid because they have never been given before. When we gave the OGT, nearly 85% of students passed the test the first time. Students were given an incentive if they passed the OGT they wouldn't need to take finals. Now that is not the case. There is no incentive with the new testing program. Dr. Cocco is, in the letter, stating what the new graduation requirements are. The State is dropping the requirement from 18 points to 15 points to graduate and then gradually increasing the requirements and tweaking the tests to make them more attainable. There is also a funding piece with the lame duck session happening right now. The guidelines must be in to the federal government by March. Whatever the minimum requirement is from the federal government should be the state requirement. This is part of the No Child Left Behind initiative. How does this test affect the special needs students? Students on an IEP are taking the current test. If you're on an IEP there are different paths students may take. Unintended consequences are being brought before the state. The SAT is not an appropriate test for many students, these students should not need to take this test.

The low scores on our report card in large part come from the high school. A lot of our issues with the report card is that we don't have incentive any more. Once students take the ACT or SAT then their score is reflective of their final grade.

Power Plant we had \$54m to \$9m. County upheld the \$54m but State said \$38m. So we lost some revenue but then repealed again to the Supreme Court and we crossed appealed.

President's Report- Christa Olijar

Approve October 2016 minutes

Approved with revisions.

Tru Pace

Lisa Rish

If you're PTA did not pass around the code of ethics and conflict of interest they need to get that done and sent in by November 30.

Motion to adopt: Margo Bodnar, Maureen.

Motion passed.

Online membership, Cheddar Up, was done by Eastview and Troy. Erievue has also completed but has not sent in to Christa. Units need to send the link to Christa.

Treasurer's Report- Katy Grove

990 filing and charitable filing were made. Westview had an issue with filing not being received. She made copies and sent those in. The year-end financial review was sent in by each unit.

September Beginning Balance: \$7,398.36
REVISED September Ending Balance: \$7,383.66
Revision to reflect \$15 meetings and Conventions expense for September 2016
Motion to approved ending balance: Lisa Rish, Ashley Whitehead

Beginning Cash: \$7,398.36
Ending Cash: \$13,024.07
Large deposit activity is due the collection of Council Dues.
Motion to approve October Treasurer's Report:
Maureen Dando, Jennifer Dalman

St. Joseph's will be billed for their portion of Reflections.

1st Vice President- Nancy Klingshirn
Is looking at a Cultural Diversity assembly. We are looking at doing this as opposed to doing the book assembly since that is already being done by district. The staff was trained at in-service and was very informative. Also suggested that the high school teacher's wife may be a source for holding such an assembly. We could do an assembly for students and then do an evening for the parents. If we do a

parent/student assembly it may be a good idea to get teachers on board to offer some kind of incentive. Since this is such a big issue it would also be wise to make this mandatory for students. The Learwood assembly on bullying should also be done at Troy. Learwood pay \$2,000 for the bullying assembly this year. Some of the high school clubs could also hold fundraisers to hold an assembly. There should be a protocol from the school district on how to handle issues both in and outside of school, for instance, Instagram bullying or other social media outlets used as a mechanism for bullying. The SWOT should be completed and given to each school's principal.

2nd Vice President- Elizabeth Gedeon
No Report

Committee Reports:

Library: Jill Ralston

Garth Stein, author of Art of Racing in the Rain, Racing in the Rain is young adult, he also started Enzo children's series. He will be at the library on Monday, April 10.

The NRG also affects the library. Going from 54 to 9 the NRG wants their money back and is aggressively going back for it from libraries, schools, parks, etc. We are preparing to need to give back \$86,000. Also, the new cluster homes are looking for an abatement.

Benefits: Tru Pace
No Report

Discussion on Council's weebly page and Facebook page and whether having a Facebook page is necessary.

Bylaws: Kristen Masa
No changes.

Curriculum: Margo Bodnar
Watson is a new technology from IBM that the teachers and staff can use to track student's progress in how they learn and their progress. It learns from your student. We are the first school in Ohio and starting with 6th grade English students. This would work like Hippa and would be illegal for a student's information to be used outside of the school.

Health, Safety, and Welfare: Nancy Klingshirn
No report.

Membership: Elizabeth Gedeon
No Report

Reflections: Ashley Whitehead
We are having judging at Learwood because the high school gym is not available. Jack Cook, photography judge, is unable to judge this year and Ashley is looking for a replacement. Ashley is now on the state

reflections board. The Ohio PTA reflections are now sharing our Reflections page to other units as an example. Erieview is no longer offering art sessions during recess. Each elementary was given flyers for each student to take home advertising Reflections. For 3D submissions if they go to Nationals then they need to send art in.

Scholarships: Jennifer Dalman

Delegates/ New Business

Flyer connection updates need to be fixed. Perhaps council utilizes flyer connection for putting information out.

New person for communication is needed.

Motion approved

Jennifer Dalman

Adjourn: 10:48 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Mueller