

Audubon Park Park PTA

General Membership Meeting

September 19, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

The Chorus opened up the meeting with a song before officially called to order

A. Call to Order & Welcome - Stephanie Harley, PTA President @ 7:15

- Welcome everyone to first PTA meeting of the year
- Remind everyone to join PTA

1. PTA Goals for the Year

- The PTA has three primary focus areas. They include:
 - To build community both in the school and neighborhood
 - To support the teachers and the academics of our school
 - Fundraising-where does the money go?
 - Social Shindig is the only fall fundraiser. It essentially covers the cost of everything the PTA does all school year long.
 - The learning garden is a new addition this year
 - Boosterthon is the only spring fundraiser. The money is usually used for a capital project. This year all the money made will go to the new K-8 PTA and the branding for our current school for the new name, mascot and colors. We also hope to fund a project on our wish list, depending on the amount of funds raised.

B. Officer Reports

1. Past Initiatives - Jessica Brown, Past PTA President

- Concrete pad near 2nd grade portable has been installed and will be painted soon for four square and hopscotch
- Install water filling stations in cafeteria and possibly on outside of building near the walker field-need to assess cost
- Class T-shirts will be given to every student this year

2. Membership Report - Kristi Clark

- A little over 300 members currently signed up for the PTA; please keep joining!
- Class contests coming

3. Budget Presentation & Vote - Elise Knaus, Treasurer

- The budget was displayed for all to view and ask questions about for a 1/2 hour before the PTA meeting began
- All approve and no opposed-budget approved
- Budget is available for anyone to view, please ask a PTA Board Member

4. Community Events - Jessica Ventura

- Friday Funday, 10/20 on the walker field with Kelly's Ice Cream truck right after school
- International Night, 11/8 from 5:30-7:30. All encouraged to participate. If you are from another country or want to share your culture or heritage, please join
- Future event planning
 - Audubon will have a float in the Baldwin Park Holiday Parade-looking for volunteers
 - There will be a parent-child event in the spring-need ideas

5. Fundraising - Kristen Reynolds

- Social Shindig, 10/6 @ Orlando Museum of Art; Adult only event
 - How can you help? Need donations, Attend-buy tickets/sponsorships (teachers attend too), Bid-all done through your phone-do not need to be present to bid (use Handbid app)
 - Gifts From The Heart (special teacher donations) will open early for bidding
- Book Fair, week of 10/30
- Arts at Audubon, 12/7
 - All money goes back to the Art Department

6. Audubon Cares - Mandy Borkman

- Clothing Drive, week of 9/26
 - Please donate gently used or new clothes, sizes 2T-16. New underwear and socks welcome too
 - Due to Hurricane Irma, we will be expanding to help those families impacted from the storm
- Canned Food Drive, week of 11/6
 - Class who collects the most food wins a pizza party
- Giving Tree, 11/27-12/8
 - Wish lists for students in need at Christmas
- Snack Program - ongoing all school year
 - There are about 35 students who are in need of afternoon snacks and volunteers are asked to provide a healthy snack and drink

7. Academic & School Support - Becky Junod

- Room Parent update: most have been assigned. Teacher support is the main focus and so thankful to those parents willing to help and give their time

C. Committee Chair Reports

1. Odyssey of the Mind - Maria Bracho

- Began last year. There were 4 teams with 7 kids each
- Very successful and good learning experience
- Groups are given a problem, must solve it and make a presentation with a script
- They get together 1 time a month locally, then have a competition in January
 - Two teams made to to the state level last year

2. K-8 Liaison - Francee Williams

- Talked to the Area Superintendent and in January the principal for the new school will be announced
 - After that, recruitment for PTA membership will begin
- The collaborative efforts between the new school and the current Audubon will continue and they are very supportive of each other
- There will be a meeting in October when the new school building is 40% complete

D. School Update & Naming Process - Anna Ferratusco, Principal

- Anna Ferratusco will remain principal at this school
- There will be a survey sent out tonight to the community, teachers, staff and students regarding the new school name, new mascot and the primary and secondary colors for this school
 - This is our time to finally be our own school-have our name on the building!
 - The top 3 in each category will then be sent out again to vote on
 - It will then be presented to Dr. Wright (Anna's boss), he gives it to the school board, they vote.
 - Mrs. Ferratusco will send out the date of the school board meeting to all teachers, staff and parents
 - In January, the current school can begin using the new name
- Our school is an "A" school again!
 - Increased our score by 29 points
 - Learning gains by all students were very important
- Capacity of our school after schools split?
 - 2 years ago, it was estimated to be 820, but that may change
 - This year alone, the school has had to hire 4 new teachers since start of school year
 - Unsure about total elimination of portables
 - Top priority is to eliminate the ones around the basketball courts

Adjournment @ 7:58pm

Next General Membership Meeting: February 8 @ 9:30am