

## Notes from PTO meeting on Nov 9th

1. Meeting started at 6:30p.
2. Tammy & Jackie approved Sept minutes

### Notes;

1. Butter Braids were ordered & delivered smoothly.
2. Coupon books went home with each child November 1<sup>st</sup>. They are due back by November 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Fun Pasta order forms went home with the kids on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due back on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Turnaround time for orders to come back is 5-7 business days after master order is submitted along with payment.
4. Teachers will be talking with students about the rules for all dances.
5. We all agreed to bring back split the pot at the dances.
6. Hosting Screenagers in gym on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8p. Looking for incentives to bring in the kids for movie.
7. Decided to host School House Rock in 2017. \$1.00 per student. For the entire school. Length is 90 mins. Spotlight is Youth Theater.
8. Recognition Day will be on 12/16/16 at Stardust Bowl. Total cost is \$9.00 which includes (2 games/shoe rentals). PTO will pay \$4.00. Each student will pay \$5.00
9. For Cosplay that is being held in March, we will have split the pot.

### **WDJH PTO Meeting 11/9/16**

#### **Principal Information Sharing:**

1. **Introduction of teachers**
2. **Thank you to all of our volunteers for Butterbraid Sale and Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale, Basketball Game Concessions, Spiritwear and Halloween Dance. We appreciate the services and support.**
3. **Months in Review – Sept/Oct**
  - a. WDJH School Improvement Plan was shared at our October Board meeting and is posted on the District 7 website. Shared with all PTO members and how to access on line.
  - b. Panther Time, intervention and enrichment opportunities to support students' learning and progress, has been conducted for 8 weeks and a new rotation will begin on Monday, 11/14/16.

- c. Parent Teacher Conferences held on 10/11 with opportunities for families to come in without a scheduled appointment. We were successful in scheduling requested conferences through personal phone calls with families and planned to have the same practice for November conferences.
- d. The week of 10/24 was Red Ribbon Week in which drug and alcohol awareness was stressed. We also spent our half day on 10/31/16 focussing on tolerance and team building among students. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring our JLine Dance Crew presentation for our students conveying a message of acceptance of others and seeking your passion. The dance performance and message was amazing!

#### 4. Months Ahead – Nov/Dec

- e. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for 11/21; Parents/Guardians are part of the team and attendance is very important to our students' success and to us. Students' Report of Student Progress will be reviewed with students and sent home on Thursday, Dec. 1st. Our Trimester 1 ends Friday, 11/11/16. Access to your child's grades and attendance can be secured through our Power School Parent Portal. Parents can obtain information from school office with photo identification.
- f. During PT Conferences, families are encouraged to attend whether they have an appointment or not in order to
  - i. Get assistance with accessing the Power School Parent Portal and your child's grades and attendance information.
  - ii. Complete the 5Essentials Parent Survey as part of our School Report Card for 2017.
  - iii. Attend the Scholastic Book Fair in the library
- g. Trimester 1 Recognition and Celebration Assembly is planned for Friday, Dec. 2nd from 8-8:45am. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with the decade of the 60s and 70s through song and Kahoot competition among advisories. A choral group is performing and recognition of academic accomplishments of our students is planned. Parents are invited to attend; a letter will be sent home inviting them to the event.
- h. Winter Holiday Choral Program will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 7:00pm and school performance on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Families are invited to both performances.
- i. Girls last Basketball game is Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- j. Boys Basketball, Poms and Cheerleading begins the week of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> with tryouts
- k. Padres Unidos continues to meet once a month as a support for our families– Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, 11/15/16.

#### 6. **Business Topics**

- . Parent Engagement - Please join me on Monday, Nov. 14th as part of a committee to research and explore how we can increase our parent involvement
  - a. Communication to families of PTO events
  - b. Trimester 1 Recognition Day – 12/16/16 at Stardust Bowl for those who qualify
  - c. Trimester 2 Recognition Day – TBD by our Panthers as part of SEM Project

#### 1. **Questions or Concerns were addressed**