

Moraine PTA Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

Call to Order

- Kelly Wessner called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
- Introduction the new PTA board:
 - Kelly Wessner – President
 - Heather Bell – Vice President
 - Jenny Jones – Treasurer
 - Joy Hudyma – Secretary

Approval of the June Minutes

- Motion to approve June minutes by Kristine Dreyer. The motion was seconded by Marci Howes.

Superintendent's Report

- Mary Kay Gallagher welcomed everyone back to another school year and praised our beautification team, students and community for the beautiful landscaping and hard work on Hanna's Garden. Great to see what happens with students, parents, and community working together.
- Northville Public School District welcomed back staff this year with an Olympic themed event.
 - There were 75 student leaders at the event, we wanted students to be a part of the event, we also wanted to strengthen parent and community involvement.
 - 5 dimensions of learning tools and best practices were discussed to improve student engagement and ownership in their education.
 - ALICE - increased safety and security protocols have been rolled out and staff had been trained.
 - Will decrease emergency response time
 - Steps can be taken in any order
 - Students will have 1st advanced lockdown drill in November or December.
 - Northville Mother's Club has donated books to NPS schools to help students cope and understand these types of situations.
 - Home Depot donated 5 gallon buckets for emergencies referred to as "go buckets".
 - To date we have had no situation for an ALICE to be necessary, we want to be prepared.
 - More information to come and parent information meetings are planned for the future.
- Long Term facilities planning is already putting recently passed bond dollars to work.
 - Summer work has been done at Silver Springs, Winchester, Meads Mill.
 - Work to be done at Hillside next.
- Student enrollment across the district continues to increase.
 - Planned for 40+ more students actual increase of 89+

- 20 new teachers were hired, as well as additional support staff across the district.
 - Class ratios were improved.
- November general election will include 4 seats for Northville Public Schools Board of Education
 - 3 current members are running again and 2 community members are running for the seats on the Board.
- Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year
- Questions for the Superintendent
 - Will the pool at Hillside be reopened?
 - There is a plan to reopen the pool safely.
 - Has there been any talk of having 2 separate middle school configurations grades 5/6 & 7/8?
 - School configurations will be part of the long term facilities and district planning.
- Northville High School long term enrollment projections?
 - Elementary enrollments has not slowed down as projected, in fact they have increased. This will be part of the long term planning for the district.

Principal's Report

- Denise Bryan welcomed everyone to the new school year.
- The Open House was a success, students knew where to go on the first day of school. Teachers can do either a Curriculum night or an open house. This was the first year for an Open House. Feel free to provide feedback about the Open House and or Open House vs. Curriculum Night.
- The wall was closed in the multi-purpose room to accommodate kindergartners and 1st graders in Kids Club while 2nd-5th stay in the usual kids club area.
- There are three lunch periods this year.
 - Kids will have recess first, then lunch.
 - There is a need for a noon duty aid, it is a paid position.
- Buddy Benches are ordered and will arrive soon. There will be a total of three, one at the kindergarten playground and two on the south playground.
- New hires for this year are:
 - Jennifer Lemon – Administrative Assistant
 - Paula Clark – Administrative Assistant
 - Kaitlynn Mikami – 1st Grade Teacher
- More humanities teachers are teaching from carts and doing it with a positive attitude.

Old Business

Acknowledgement of summer volunteers.

- Beautification Committee – Kelly Masters has done a wonderful job keeping our school beautiful all summer and having the school beautiful for the first day of school.
- A big thank you to Marci Howes and Cynthia Stump for all the help and serving the school last year.

- Thank you to Jenn Chon volunteers and student volunteers did a great job passing out packets at packet pick-up. Where families received info, teacher assignments and EduKits if ordered.
- Thank you to Stacey St. Charles for coordinating the ice Cream Truck for the Open House, it was a really nice treat.
- ALL Committee Chairs! Thank You! You all do such amazing work!

Officer Reports

President - Kelly Wessner

- Why join the PTA?
 - It is a super active group that supports the students here at Moraine Elementary through a variety of programs, activities and opportunities. Providing financial support given to teachers with a generous stipend. Working to build and enhance our community and providing funding to support the PTA are just a few, please see the handout “10 Reasons to Get Involved” for more (but not all) reasons to join the PTA.
 - Membership in the PTA
 - is \$20.00 per family
 - is registered with the state and local PTA’s
 - is the only way to gain access to and inclusion into the school directory. The directory we use is MySchoolAnywhere. Which you can access online or through the App on your smart phone.
- Penguin Pledge – The Penguin Pledge is the PTA’s only fundraiser! Your generous support, in any amount is greatly appreciated.
- In an effort to increase participation at PTA meetings we will do the following:
 - Committee Chair reports will be done by the executive board to consolidate and make efficient, instead of going down the list of committee chairs to see if there are any updates.
 - Invite guest speakers and discuss topics of interest
 - Ex. Cyber Security, drug awareness, etc.
 - Please let the board know if there are topics you would like us to consider.

Vice President – Heather Bell

- Please indicate on the sign-up sheet or reach out to us if you have an interest in volunteering.
- 3 Buddy Benches will be installed: 1 in the kindergarten playground, 1 by the tether ball near the basketball courts, and 1 by Hanna’s Garden.

Treasurer – Jenny Jones

- See Attached Old and New Budget sheets.
 - Last year we spend down \$60K and this year we are projected to spend down \$38K based on estimated Penguin Pledge donations.
 - We increased teacher stipends and the budget for Junior Enrichment Series.

Secretary – Joy Hudyma

- Membership in the PTA is a way to have your voice heard by being able to vote at PTA meetings. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

- Anyone who would like to help maintain the PTA website, please contact us.

Committee Chair Reports

Membership – Sara Zaremski

- Mid to late October the Directory will be available.
 - New members will add their information
 - Past members will update their information.
 - Only PTA members will have access to MySchool Anywhere directory and be included in the directory.

New Business

- Facebook Moderator – Kelly Masters was named Friends of Moraine Facebook page moderator by Denise Bryan. They will work to keep the page clean of inappropriate content and to check that students pictures on the do not photograph list are not included on the page. The page is a closed group. Please use the page to share helpful school related tips and community information. A Moraine FB page protocol will be sent out soon on ListServ.
 - ****Important – ListServ – is the #1 communication tool.****
- 2016/2017 PTA Meeting Dates:
 - November 2, 7:00 p.m.
 - February 6, 7:00 p.m.
 - April 24, 7:00 p.m.
 - Week of June 5th
 - PTA board will check with Committee Chairs prior to the PTA Meetings to see if there are any updates.
 - Childcare is provided at evening PTA meetings.
- There will be link for the SignUp Genius on ListServ and Facebook for PALS and Beautification volunteer opportunities. PALS is our lunch volunteer opportunity.
- Action Items for Parents:
 - Sign up for ListServ
 - http://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=350915&type=d&pREC_ID=761388
 - Join Moraine Elementary (Northville, MI) Facebook page
 - Join the PTA
 - Make your Penguin Pledge

Adjournment

Angela Reed Motioned to adjourn, Stacy St. Charles 2nd.