

# PTO MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 15th, 2019**

**Present:** Michelle Koffel, Jason Fine, Jordan Bain, Amy Burden, Catherine Kennedy, Tammy Yockey, Karl Kirkpatrick, Kari Rucker, Brian Shiniger, Sarah Foster, Jen Rigney, Dara Berman-Cheung, Toni Bloomfield, Soozie Cole Hamilton, Lynne DeWalt, Lisa Gerhardt, Sarah Foster, Metta McCoy, Jenny Ledman, Kristin Ray, Paul Imhoff

**Handouts:** Meeting Agenda, Bank Statements, Treasurer's Report "Highlights" handout, Teacher grant/PTO donations handout, The Stand Project Slides Handout, The Stand Community Resource Guide Handout

**Welcome:** Michelle Koffel

- November minutes approved. First: Jordan Bain, Second: Dara Berman-Cheung

**Special Guests: Paul Imhoff, Superintendent & Jenny Ledman/Kristin Ray, The Stand**

**The Stand Project:** Jenny Ledman/Kristin Ray

- Handout: The Stand "slides," The Stand Community Resource Guide
- Coalition made up of all sectors (police, schools, parents, students) - this is a **community** issue, 5013C, sharing resources w/ Dublin, Hilliard, Powell, Cols. Academy, Wellington, St. Charles, etc.
- Stand student group at H.S., would like one at M.S. eventually
- Mini video's will be sent via e-mail within week, also found on Stand project website/UA Schools website, John Rice Video identifies all the forms vaping tools can take. **PLEASE SHARE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!**
- Alcohol is the most prevalent drug at HS - 22% are drinking - most likely an underestimate
- Mental Health statistics, belonging stats - room for a lot of improvement here.

**Superintendent:** Paul Imhoff

- The Strategic Planning Process - focused on the well-being of our students/staff (i.e., student stress levels, feelings of belonging and engagement) - we have to attack the underlying problems that cause drug/alcohol abuse! Dr. John Ackerman leading the steering committee - need parent support and engagement!!!
- Also, we are focused on equity, inclusion and diversity. Have to confront the challenges of the minority student population.
- As a parent if you want to get involved you can e-mail Paul or Jason's office. Developing action steps and need parent input.
- District is growing VERY quickly - growing by about 1500 students in the next decade. One of the biggest schools in the state of Ohio. New buildings will accommodate our growth, have to hire teachers - will need to go back to the district for \$\$\$\$. The Millennials want to live in dense, urban communities w/ good schools.

**Principal's Report:** Jason Fine

- Jones is focused on digging in on the connections with kids. Using tally marks on 750 kids. Getting ready to survey the kids to see if they feel connected to an adult in the bldg - gather data, meet as teachers and target kids that need help. Also, we do a student engagement survey to test hopelessness, connectedness, etc. Finally, working on cultural competency issues - educating teachers, students on not using bias/bigoted language.

**Teachers Report:** Karl Kirpatrick/Brian Shiniger

- Nothing to report

**President's Report:** Michelle Koffel

- Working on PTO slate for next year, going to send google doc to all parents to try to include those who might not usually volunteer.
- We would like to introduce Toni Bloomfield and Soozie Cole Hamilton, they will be co-chairing Golden Bear Pride.
- Paper directories were distributed just before holiday break.

**Treasurers Report:** Jordan Bain

- Handouts: Bank statements & Treasurer's Report "Highlights" handout, Teacher grant/PTO donations handout.
- Still adding new PTO memberships - over last year's number.

- J-Mart is well and above where we were last year. Over breaking-even.
- Adding stairwell decals on two main staircases.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Mini-Grants:** Kari Rucker

- Jason Fine requested \$500 to support the Stand. Money would go to the students to help create future presentations. First: Catherine Kennedy. Second: Jen Rigney.

### **Cultural Competency:** Catherine Kennedy

- Sela Kramer is co-chair.
- Sent out google sign-up to see who would like to participate.
- **First Meeting: Monday, 2/3 from 7-9 pm.** Getting to know other people in the group. Brainstorming.
- **Monday, February 25th at 7 pm- first round-table discussion facilitated by either OSU counselors/Kirwin Institute.** What are we doing well? What could we work on to improve? **For Jones community members.**
- **Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm - Tremont parents hosting “how to talk with kids about race.”**
- **Tuesday, February 26th from 6:30 - 8 pm. “Waking up White” book talk.** Wickliffe hosting.

### **8th Grade Party:** Chairs not present, Michelle Koffel presenting

- Lunch in the mallway only (skipping party - no budget), class t-shirt.

Motion to adjourn. First Kari Rucker, second Jen Rigney

Have a great week! See you on Tuesday, March 26th!!!

Notes typed by Amy Burden