

Chippewa PTO Meeting October 8th, 2021

Attended by: Jody Noble; Liliana Ortiz, Soumya Madala, Hong Trebesh, Gayatri Rajaram, Karen Shapiro, Julie Johnson, Jack Zhang, Sivakumar Kannan, Munish, Kasim Korkmaz, Chris Shuck, Meredith Seckman, Sinem Mollaoglu, Marlo Johnson, Liz Luyendyk.

Chippewa Board Meeting Minutes from 09/24/2021 were reviewed with the group by Liliana Ortiz and approved.

Principal's Report: Building Updates:

- 3 area for Lunch for the students (cafeteria, common area outside the cafeteria and gym area).
- Concern about the Lunch line being long was raised. Mrs. Noble reported the lunch line was long during the 1st week of school but it has improved. There are 4 staff members running the Cafeteria. The line improves within a few minutes.
- There was concern for the Microwave line being long that was raised by the parents. Hong Tresbesh will consider donating a microwave if needed. Mrs. Noble reported there are 2 microwaves and within a few minutes the line improves. No requirement for additional Microwave.
- Students are given a 15 minute "lunch wrap" up warning.

- Archery Club had announced Grades 5-12 archery will be on hold. It was announced by Mr. Pruden.
- 7th and 8th grade camp will be discussed with the Board on Monday October 11th. Camp has been booked tentatively and scheduled for the week of February 8th. Question about running the "7th grade camp" camp for 8th graders since they missed out during COVID last year was discussed. There will not be capacity to run 2 grade levels as they will not have enough counselors. Camp counselors are 30-40 High school students and they will be missing 1 week of school to run the camp. Principal and all 7th grade teachers will go to the camp.

- School Counselors went to all the classrooms and gave students the Interest Survey. They will be meeting students who are interested in small groups. The Counselors are planning a "Signs of Suicide" curriculum for the Students for November. Parents will be able to review it.

- Question asked about Substance Use and Smoking at Chippewa. Mrs. Nobel reported the school hasn't confiscated any Vaping pens. No paraphernalia seen in the building. She encourages parents to talk to their children to report any activity at school. They can report it via email.

- Addiction is discussed as part of the Health Curriculum and will be discussed during the course of the year.
- Gender Identity topic was also discussed. Mrs. Nobel reported, if a student is searching for their Identity, they will not be "made out" by the School. Reproductive Health will discuss "pronouns" and inclusivity. Counselors will also help facilitate a peer meet LGBTQ support group.

- Tik Tok Challenge and its effect at Chippewa was raised by a parent. Mrs. Noble reported, September was "Trash your school". 3 students participated in it and removed Hand sanitizers. School cameras detected the activity. Those students received the appropriate action/consequences.

- Social Media was discussed by the group. Students will receive a presentation about Social media. The messaging from family should be consistent with the messaging from the school.

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-Consider seeking assistance from families who are IT professionals to educate others about looking out for their Kids.

-Question was asked about the various activities that students can partake in during Lunch Hour. School asked students to fill a Google form about lunch activities. The following are available:

Volleyball and basketball in the gym, can jam, card games and Board games available in the commons area, outdoor volleyball net, sit and chat, Ping pong has been a popular activity.

-2nd trimester schedule will be on PowerSchool. It can be accessed from the Students Power School account. 1st Trimester ends on November 19th.

Treasurers Report:

-Hong reported that the IRS form 990 was filed, Directors names were updated and State of Michigan annual report was completed. She needs to be reimbursed \$25 for the filing fees. The reimbursement request was approved.

-Budget proposal is based on the 2017-18 and 2019 school years.

-Main fundraising activity categories will include: Walk Run, T shirt sales for Walk Run, Popsicle donation, Teacher Holiday gift card donation.

-Major events/trips that are sponsored include the Winter party, 8th grade field trip and 7th grade field trip.

District Parent Council Update:

Meeting was on 09/20/2021 and notes taken by Karen Shapiro.

Mr. Hood reported:

-Impact of contact tracing was discussed. Contact Local commissioners to ask for "in home testing" would be preferable for the District.

-District wide shortage of Cleaning staff and Parapros. Shortage of 11 positions.

-New Bond being reviewed to assess gaining of the Buildings and facilities.

-Mentorship of new Principals.

-Many Departments within the District have new Directors.

-Social and emotional learning curriculum for Middle schools.

-Student count in the district is up by 40. Student count day was on 10/06/2021.

-Chippewa parent needed to represent the school at DPC. The meetings are held virtually from 12 pm to 2:30 pm on Zoom on the 3rd Monday of the Month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.