

POEC Meeting 9-14-23
Jr High room 205

Meeting called to order at 630pm by Director Jennifer Griffiths

Introductions of the new POEC Members in attendance James Stratton, Janet Plumb, Jennifer Griffiths, Britt Chamberlain, Julie Baer, Tayler Sangiorgio, Tiffany Arbogast, and Cindy Patino. Not in attendance was Kaeli MacBeth

Julie Baer motioned to approve the May meeting minutes, Britt Chamberlain seconded, minutes approved with no changes

Britt Chamberlain talked about how the Uniform sale went. The chairwoman has had some health issues and has not been able to wrap up the funds nor issue the checks. Hoping to have that done in the next few weeks.

Spirit wear with a new design has been selling well. Don't have numbers quite yet on the new design sales.

Julie Baer went over the social media accounts, website and parent square for communication.

The approved calendar had a change that was made to PTC for April 2024. They are now April 17/18 with April 19th being a teacher comp day.

Parent Square for logging volunteer hours. No longer using help counter. Parents must log the hours themselves and remind them to log double hours for attending the meeting tonight.

Janet Plumb discussed Antelopes Dragon Dash Fundraiser. Raised \$9722. Classes are getting their incentives this week and next.

PTC/TA will be combined into one committee, the Staff Appreciation Committee and will run those events for the year. Has a chair and sign ups are filled- working well.

Musical Auditions are coming up the first week of October, they are doing the book version of The Wizard of Oz.

Literacy night will be Sept 28 and kids received a reading log that they can turn in for a book that night.

Deferred to Julie for budget line item question. Julie: Antelope office staff would like to have a candy basket for volunteers, and the previous budget for that was \$120. Antelope would like to add that back into our budget for this year. Britt motioned to add it, Julie seconded the motion. Motion approved. \$120 added to Antelopes budget for volunteer candy basket .

Cindy Patino from North: the North musical is in full swing with performances Nov 29-Dec 2. North proposes to increase choir fees to \$25 per student to pay for a director as their director is not returning. Trying to get a volunteer to do it for free has not panned out. Kristi Nielsen added that she may have some people in the neighborhood who would be willing to volunteer. She will reach out and provide names to the directors email if anyone is interested. Wanting to offer \$500 for a director

Last year we charged \$10 per student

Increase of \$15 per student. North's choir Brought in \$706.23 last year

Antelope has a choir director that is paid by the antelope principal out of Antelope school funds.

Antelope charges \$25 for choir and \$40 for show choir

Let's table that and ask North's principal to see if they can over it the way Antelope does.

Dragon dash is this coming Tuesday so far they have raised over \$9K!

Jr high: Tayler Sangiorgio PTC next week and already sent out volunteers sign ups

Did lose money on the 5K, because of the insurance being that it was at an alternate location but POEC will eat that, it will not come out of Jr Highs budget. Lesson learned.

Jr high needs to raise money for field trips. Busses are \$1k and they would like to do 4-5K in fundraising to cover that cost

Mr Hansen would like to provide parent mental health seminars out of some of his fundraising money. He would like to use cookcenter.org

Possibility of a Dragon dash at the Jr high asking for donations to run or maybe even students

Pay to NOT run instead of paying per lap and incentives for the kids. Would happen in the Spring of 24.

Kristy Neilsen trying to fundraise for a charitable shoe drive, Called heart to feet

It's for shoes for school athletes in Maui- football cleats, running shoes, and bb shoes

Cash donations easiest would like to put a QR code in the feed on parent square

\$50 a pair and needing 50 pairs of shoes for athletes or \$2500

Other schools involved: cook elem. no response from north elem. haven't talked to antelope yet

Hoping to have it by the end of the month Sept middle of OCT.

Lahainaluna on facebook

Tayler expressed her concern that it would take away from our own kids here needing help. A parent agreed and said kids here need to be our focus before helping kids in another state.

Tayler is concerned about the Jr high already being at a disadvantage with funds.

Conflict of interest maybe? The NHS has already put up flyers. Parent square has been sent out.

Ms Stone (NJHS sponsor) has the original PDF, and needs POEC to be the collection point of money donated.

Parents in attendance asked if you have asked local businesses for donations? Kristi said not yet.

Britt said the POEC would discuss as a group and decide how to proceed.

Treasurer Britt: spirit store has made \$2718 from selling old inventory

Dragon Dash has brought in \$9722 from antelope elementary but all expenses have not been deducted yet

Dragon Dash is replacing Dollar dress day, question was asked what dollar dress day brought in previously?

DDDay made \$15000 split 3 ways so \$5k per school

Uniform sale estimated to make \$500 in profit

Opened it up to questions, comments, concerns from parents in attendance.

PARENT QUESTION: Can we charge \$2 per person for skate night? Just to make some money and can we find out how many kids attended. If everyone is hurting for money, in particular the junior high, why are we still having free events? Can POEC ask Dale about dress your way charges for JR high only since the board changed it?

Elementary's cannot accept cash but JR High can. Would help them in raising money.

Dine to donate ideas that parents take their kids to: from the parents in attendance

Panda Express (can be used nationwide)

Golden Corral Pizza pie cafe

Texas Roadhouse. Jet's pizza

Jack in Box and other New businesses

Chipotle menchie's

PARENT QUESTION: What are the other upcoming JR high fundraising events/activities?

SBO officers creating tournaments vs the actual sports teams after season, penny wars, can't sell donuts in the mornings. Movie Night coming up

Does the POEC need to take out insurance ? Can discuss later.

Jr High VP says no to the teacher talent show- nothing that makes the staff stay longer

PARENT CONCERN: about the money going to mental health awareness. Mr Hansen would like to use cookcenter.org to bring in seminars for parents. Are there other better options? What is his goal?

Davis behavioral health does have options. Tiffany is looking into specifics. Will update.

PARENT RECOMMENDATION: Poll the parents: survey monkey to see if parents are interested in mental health programs.

PARENT CONCERN: Where is SAA administration? Parents are asking where the administration is for these POEC meetings? They have been attending for years and not one time has anyone from admin attended. Ever. One parent in particular is VERY UNHAPPY about the lack of administration involvement and would like it escalated to the director. "JR high has a cutting problem, a drug problem and a bullying problem and nobody cares"

PARENT CONCERN: Parents not stopping at the stop sign at the end of Ring Road. SUPER HUGE SAFETY ISSUE! How do we get parents off their phones and STOP at the stop sign ?

We can contact Syracuse PD to help? They wont help because they say it's private property - If it's private property- what can the school do to help?? Janet will talk to Mrs Okey and Mr Hansen to get their thoughts.

PARENT RECOMMENDATION: POST SOMETHING on parent square multiple times to bring attention to that area. Make signs for Pedestrian awareness month in October.

Sign up genius for helping with traffic at the end of the ring road? - talk to principals first

PARENT FEEDBACK: for the dragon dash incentive of kickball in particular needing much smaller groups and wasn't organized well, was too long, kids were bored and wanted to do something else.

PARENT RECOMMENDATION: can the JR high do a fundraiser at a local trampoline park ?

PARENT QUESTION: what's the plan for 8th grade midway? - carnival/dance for 8th graders in the gym

PARENT RECOMMENDATION: doing a 50/50 raffle for JR high fundraiser

Raffle winners; Jenn Critchley and Kristi Nielsen

Meeting adjourned 7:34pm

Parents in attendance:

Kristi Nielsen, Jeana DaSilva, Anne Collins, Jeremy Thompson, Alicia Thompson, Misty Peterson, Meghan Livesey, Heather Christensen, Sarah Volzer, Jenn Critchley, Terrance Critchley, Jason Forsberg, Sara Forsberg

