

## **Pioneer PTSO Meeting Minutes**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Attending: Jenni Wilkening, Jill Anderson, Laura Houk, Jodi Wilkins, Mary Jane Worden, Jill Schloff, Michele Lowe, Desmond Smith, Liz Kolb, Dani Jones, Lindsay Vlasak

Called to order at 7:11pm (late start due to zoom issues).

### **1. President/VP Update-Jill/Jodi**

- Welcome
- Approval of March minutes - approved
- Need Treasurer and Staff Appreciation Board Members for next year
- Senior picnic
  - 440 seniors, all seniors participate plus many teachers
  - budgeted for \$1,000
  - free bagged lunch from Chartwells, not appealing to students
  - \$13.95 per person for what we did last year, which cost ~\$6,000
    - similar cost for full lunch like pizza or grilled foods
  - scheduled for 10:00AM so lunch foods may not be preferred
  - leaning towards brunch - bagels, donuts, fruit, yogurt bar, coffee or kona truck
  - Jill A. and Jill S. will get prices and ask for donations from Bearclaw, Kona, Bruegger's, Barry's, Washtenaw Dairy
  - Mr. Smith will see if he has any money in his budget to contribute
  - can ask parents to donate food
  - Regroup next Monday after information is gathered

### **2. Principal's Report—Mr. Desmond Smith**

- Testing this week
- Working with the Senior Action Team on graduation, prom, etc.
- Planetarium? Open to all AAPS students by request of teacher, operated by UM students via contract service (cost savings), Pioneer Astronomy students are allowed to use it also if requested by teacher
- NHS ceremony cancelled, update will be sent to whole school community
- Email to seniors from Mrs. Britton coming out this week with details on events

### **3. Teacher Update—Amy or Jenni**

- Funding requests
  - Frontier - \$163 to print student-authored books for Moroccan students - 150 Pioneer students - approved
  - Stern - \$412.50 for graduation cords for Trailblazers (~50 kids) and Positive Peer Influence (~30 kids) - did it last year, that was the first year - not approved, look at how other classes fund their cords
  - Legee - \$216 field trip for African-American Humanities class (8 students, 4 adults) - ask individuals to pay, PTSO will fund scholarships if needed
  - Almeida and Burdick - \$100 - bus tokens for students as needed - approved

- Guastella - \$1,200 - deposit for 9th grade t-shirts (balance to be paid when final number is determined) - approved as part of the total cost of \$6.25 per shirt as budgeted
- Reinnmann - \$500 - Counseling Center upgrades - request from December - approved
- Scholarships
  - Seniors - 14 cap/gown, 13 prom, 13 bon voyage (might be included in bon voyage budget) - approved
  - All years - 15 yearbooks (already paid for 10, need 5 more) - approved

4. Treasurer's report— Michele and Mary Jane - see attached documents

- Still looking for Treasurer for next year, Michele will write description of her duties to aid in recruiting, Mr. Smith will post

5. Staff Appreciation-Lindsay, Bethany & Kelly

- Need assistant to help Lindsay and Kelly, Lindsay will write description of what is needed, Mr. Smith will post
- Pick-a-books was very successful, PTSO covered ~5 books not bought by parents
- Office Professionals Day - will drop off cupcakes
- Teacher Appreciation Week - plans in progress

Next Meeting May 13, 2024, last meeting of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Houk, Secretary.