

Minutes to the Slauson PTSO Meeting 10.12.22

PTSO Board Members (all in attendance)

President: Greg Gattuso

Vice President: Shawna Spence

Secretary: Jill Shiffert

Treasurer: David Rehrauer

Accounts Receivable: Joseph Valerio

Accounts Payable: Janine Hutchinson

Call to Order

At 6:03 pm President Greg Gattuso called the meeting to order. All 7 Board members were present. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were Slauson admin Brandon Szwejkowski (interim principal) and Chris Roberts (assistant principal)

Fundraising Update and Ideas

Maggie Kennel is looking forward to fundraising this year. She is looking to rekindle the community atmosphere. Some ideas include:

- Supporting local restaurants with community nights out.
- Ask for ideas from teachers to have targeting fundraising for specific things. Parents like to know directly how their money is going.
- Highlight the teachers, maybe bring in some student artwork that can auction off at parent night out.
- Hope to bring back fun nights.
- New idea: Swim nights opening up the swimming pool. Hire a couple of life guards and do it by grade level. Another idea is a combo swim and a movie.

Teacher Appreciation Recap

Heather Berry (teacher appreciation) provided boxed lunches for dinner during Tuesday's parent/teacher conferences. Next in-person parent/teacher conferences will be in the Spring.

Last school year, \$6,000 was spent for teacher appreciation. This was typically once a month, ranging from big to small things. Moving forward, how does the board feel about the 22-23 school year teacher appreciation budget? Heather would like to bring back the coffee truck this school year.

Treasurer Report

David Rehrauer (treasurer) discussed that the budget will be sent out soon to board members. For the November meeting, we will plan to discuss and agree upon this budget. Tax returns have not been filed for the last couple of years. As a result, the IRS has deregistered our 501(c)(3) designation. David will reach out to the IRS to clear this up to get reinstated this school year. Look into purchasing directors and officers insurance for approximately \$200 and report back in November. David will work with Janine on the deposit and payment processes.

School Field Trips

Mr. Szwejkowski reports the area middle schools have united to do day trips within Michigan. There will be no charter buses available in May and June due to staff shortages. Travel will be challenging but will be worked out somehow. Slauson staff is talking over ideas on what types of trips/activities are possible this year. Mr. Szwejkowski is talking with other middle schools on what they are doing for school field trips.

The plan is to have a mid-year 8th grade field trip. One idea is a cruise on the Detroit Princess. Another idea is a day trip to Revel and Roll. Admin is working on ideas for end of year field trips for 6th and 7th graders.

Mr. Szwejkowski does not see a large-scale \$800+ field trip this school year. The thoughts on large out-of-state field trips 1. Cost for the Washington D.C. trip was \$950 for students and for many Slauson students that was inaccessible. Only about 60% of students went on out-of-state field trips. 2. The more we are conscious about cost and travel, the more students can attend. 3. The consensus from middle school admin is that overnight trips will be a high-school opportunity, while Middle School will focus on day trips within Michigan.

For fun nights, it is imperative for parent volunteers to make it happen. Teachers can not always attend and chaperone. At least 10-15 parent volunteers are needed. Student breakdown is 241 8th graders, 237 7th graders, 260 6th graders

Spirit Week Coming Up October 24th - 28th

Create a button that says Slauson Pride to give to students. Possibly make it an art contest for art on the button. Every quarter there will be a spirit week or fun night.

Band Concert 10/20

Sign-up genius desert potluck.

Future Meetings

Virtual or in-person? The consensus is to stick to virtual for the next couple of months. Possibly a hybrid of virtual and in-person after that.

Misc.

Pizza request fulfilled for \$100 from math teacher. PTSO will follow up on gmail access with requests from teachers. Next PTSO Meeting will be on Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 6 p.m.

3 Minutes of Questions for Mr. Szwejkowski

What was the in-person parent/teacher conference turnout like? It would be nice to have future in-person and virtual parent/teacher conferences on different days of the week to give parents more options.

It was a good turn out. If the Zoom links are full, reach out to the teacher to schedule a different time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.