

**EPA PTO MEETING 09/05/2018**  
**4:30 PM EPA Conference Room**

Attendance: Mark Bounds, Amy Roper, Lisa Cole, Kimberly Shoulders, Elizabeth Hall, Kristen Lamkin, Amber Fowler, Wendy Early, Destra Capers, Chi Chi Norman, Janis Salters, Joi Gillam, Christina Phillips, Eleese Anderson, Christina Bernardo, Charlene (Middle School), Patty Davis, Dr. Green, a parent

Game Night: (Eleese Anderson)

Friday Sept 14 5:30 - 7:30 Middle Campus

Gym - Volleyball, Basketball, Gaga Ball

Classrooms - Board Games / Bingo

Playground - Frisbee, Corn Hole, Hula Hoops, Giant Connect 4, Ladder Ball

Field - Barbarian (Capture the Flag), Kick Ball 6-6:30, 6:45-7:15 (Mrs. Anderson to lead)

Food in Cafeteria : \$3 Pizza, Salad, Cookie, Drink (\$15 max per family). Ala cart items \$1 each.

Amy Roper recommends plan for 350.

Amy to make Event on Bloomz.

Will have Sign In Table / PTO Membership and Merchandise table

Game Stop Gift Card Raffle at Sign In

Wrist Bands / Sweat Bands - Joi Gilliam to look into / order.

Volunteers arrive at 5 PM

Jennifer Quinn has agreed to be Volunteer Coordinator. Elizabeth to get volunteer sign up list from Open House to her so she can get volunteers signed up for Sports Night.

Need volunteers at each game stations, serving food, sign in, PTO Merchandise/Membership.

Need parents to loan board games, corn hole boards.

Treasurers Report - (Elizabeth Hall)

Budget report distributed to those present at meeting.

Open House: \$1448 in Spirit Gear sold. 79 Paid Members. \$159 extra donations on top of Memberships.

Made PTO Donation to Library Fund. Playground still in account, waiting to see what is needed.

Elizabeth suggests a PTO Membership Competition between homerooms to increase memberships.

Project MATRS coming to EPA -it is a USC study - gives data back to the school.

The Keurig machines and K Cups that were designated for the teacher work rooms during teacher appreciation week are missing. They were packed up with the move and have not been found.

When PTO Merchandise becomes available on the PTO website, will plan on delivery of paid merchandise to classrooms once per week, possibly Thursdays as needed per Kimberly Shoulders. Merchandise is currently stored in portable at the Middle Campus.

Principal's Report - (Mark Bounds)

School Open on Time!

Middle campus did not get certificate of occupancy until Th. before school started.

Elementary Playground mulch to be delivered tomorrow.

Sept 10th Kindergarten Playground to be installed with rubber royal blue mulch.

Security is good at elementary campus. Middle campus front entrance not fully secure yet.

Digital signs to be up and running in 3 weeks - PTO will be able to use to promote events.

Need sidewalks extended in front of school and some cut through sidewalks in parking lots. Sidewalks were overlooked in building plan.

Basketball courts have been poured at both campuses, just need hoops and sidewalks.

There are still large punch lists of unfinished projects at both schools.

Academically couldn't be happier, the teams are rocking!

8th Graders report they are academically ahead of friends at other schools.

Strong teacher teams. Hired a 6th grade math teacher because of increase # of students.

Ms. Latoille, the new guidance counselor, is amazing.

4 new teachers from China arrived Aug 10. - these are certified teachers with 2-4 years exp teaching in China. 2 in Kindergarten - Sun Laoshi mentoring and she doesn't have a teaching load.

5th and 6th Grade new teachers from China observe in the morning and teach in the afternoon.

Carline - Carline has been tough. Ideas? Tried 1st day side entrance b/c closer to classrooms, but not enough cars were able to get in line. We have 1.5 hour extra instruction time in K per week. Letting K out a little early. Have other students distributed in rooms by doors waiting to get to car. Trying to get kids from building to car faster. Kids knowing last name and #'s needed. May try to move 1st grade out with K, but don't want to lose instruction time. Fire marshall doesn't want us to double car line at all. Law Enforcement says we can't have cars sitting on Chris Drive. Fire Marshall says can't use road behind school. 5th Grade safety patrols? Sidewalk to go around building? Sidewalk all the way to Chris Drive? Parking on other side of detention pond? Dirt space before school will be green space and outdoor play area.

Kindergarten and Elementary playgrounds paid for with school loan. It cost the school \$10,000 to move the elementary playground. PTO Playground \$ to be used for teacher benches or shade sails?

Soccer goal for green space?

The middle school climate and culture is great...so much better. Capped 8th grade at 28 students, due to 2 classes they all have to be in at the same time.

643 students total between both campuses this year. Increase of almost 150 students in one year.

Homeroom Parents - (Joi Gilliam) Joi has reached out to all HR parents who signed up at Open House and send HR parents Bloomz code. Will send HR parent responsibilities and suggestions. Homeroom parents will introduce self to parents via a paper sent home in student folders. Encourage ELA/Mandarin homeroom parents to coordinate for class parties and experiences.

Teacher Appreciation - (Christina Phillips) Want to do something for teachers each month. Small sursies. Want to shower teachers with fun things and gifts on Oct 26 and Jan 4 which are teacher work days.

Joi and Christina are requesting an increased budget for Teacher Appreciation so they can do more for the teachers. Want to request teachers to share any food allergies or exclusions. Amy Roper recommends using Google Drive Survey which will make a spreadsheet.

Lead/Inspire/Love tshirts to be delivered to SIC meeting on Monday at 5:30 and delivered to School Board meeting on Sept 20.

Box Tops - Destra Capers has agreed to be Box Top coordinator. Kimberly recommended that funds collected from Box Tops could go towards Teacher Appreciation Budget.

China Trip - (Wendy Early)

August 27 Pelican's Snowballs Spirit Night Successful - \$100 profit.

Sept 21 Moon Festival - sell concessions

China Trip T-Shirts to be sold for \$20 for profit (36 t-shirts)

Septemberr 29 Corn Hole Tournament at Middle School Gym (Patty Davis, Lora Prill, Ed Davis, Elizabeth Hall have official corn hole boards)

Oct. 6 Yard Sale \$10 tables for individuals and take donations to sell.

China Trip meeting tomorrow for parents. This year 8th grade only. (Maturity level of students plays a part in this). Di Liu, JunLun Li are chaperones. Cost will be under \$4000. (Last year \$4,300 students & 4,400 adults).

Moon Fest - Friday Sept 21 6-9 PM (Amy Roper)

Street Fair set up in front of Middle Campus. Amy wants to find a Ferris Wheel to rent. Trying to get permission to shut down Leaphart St. in front of the school for the event. PTO to organize games and supply volunteers to run the games. Patty's husband may have access to Street Lights.

Parent University - Monday September 24 at 6 PM. Topic = Parental Involvement. General Assembly PTO meeting to take place during Sept. Parent University.

Elementary Campus Ribbon Cutting tomorrow 1:30.

Identikid will be used for basic volunteer background checks. Only those volunteers working one on one with students will need to pay for Sled background check.

Need a designated Chinese teacher as PTO rep. (Gao? Sun? mentioned)

Next PTO board meeting Oct 3rd 4:30.