

**DeWitt PTA Meeting  
6-2-14**

While we waited for a quorum, we moved to agenda items that did not require a quorum

**Co president report**

Positions:

- Michelle Eells agreed to take on co-president
- Ofer and Gilly Leshed will be continuing as Treasurers
- Sara VanLooy as secretary
- Amelia Habicht as Vice President.
- Open positions: Looking for someone to take over the staff luncheon.

**Setting Dates for next year:**

- First meeting of 2014 year: September 22.
- Welcome Back Picnic: 9/16/14
- Moving Up Ceremony: 6/23 @ Kulp 7pm,
- Moving up Party: 6/20

**Report on Costs of 2014 Moving Up Reception**

(Esther Racoosin)

- Costs for reception.
- Mac gave money that would have been for breakfast, parent donated money, PTA budgeted \$350.

**Other funding news**

- WEB probably cancelled due to cost – not working in new budget.
- Possibility of PTA sponsorship next year?
- Costs \$3000 - beyond PTA budget. Cost includes staff advisors. Stipend.
- National Jr Honor Society is working on using something WEB like as their service requirement.
- Still working out how the budget will affect activities for next year.
- Discussion of WEB dynamics and how it runs, and what it might require to run it.
- Sixth grade team still planning to do some kind of training -- Orientation to the building, small groups, going to advisory.

**PTA Treasurers Report:**

- Income: Not a lot of income since last meeting except two donations, one for 8th grade activities, other for international night, staff appreciation lunch.
- \$1200 higher than budgeted because of successful direct appeal fundraising.
- Expenses lower than budgeted so far.
- Insurance that we had to buy that we just learned about this morning, but other things less than expected.
- So far no newsletter expenses.
- Discussion of budget: Some surplus this year: ways to disburse that?

- Mr. Knight suggested maybe subsidizing yearbook for 8th graders? Charging \$1 each, could we pick up some of the extra?
- Can we put WEB support on September agenda?
- Kathy Troy is no longer accounts clerk for student activities fund info. Seeking someone else.

#### **Mr. Knight's report:**

- Budget passed, which was very good.
- Staffing implications of budget. Lost 2 (Potentially 6th grade teachers). Given notice to the two most recent hires. Still trying to see how things shake out. Likely Math and Science.
- Mac was involved in secondary budget discussions, but sixth grade is primary, not secondary.
- Other piece of staffing was FCS. Boynton was 1.5 FCS, Dewitt had 1.0. Our FCS will be totally eliminated and replaced with the .5 Boynton person.
- Several maternity leaves and retirements.
- Testing: Field testing of Pearson tests
- Testing: Science tests, second day was today.
- Testing: Algebra and Earth Science Regents and world language exams coming up.
- Moving staff to a PLC -- Professional Learning Community.
- Being creative about professional development, sharing expertise in classroom, etc.
- Trying to engage staff in pedagogical discussions.

#### **End of Year Planning:**

- End of year plans in place, dates set.
- Welcome picnic, 9/16/14
- First PTA meeting 9/22/14 7pm.
- Proposed 10/2 or 10/9 for Open House, with 10/9 preferred, but need to check on other dates.
- Summer newsletter needs and deadlines. Like to get it out Mid-August. Will include general supply list, some forms. Need to get them.

#### **Quorum Achieved!**

- Minutes approved, Diana Moved, Tal seconded. all in favor
- Approve Michelle Eels as co-president Jenny move, Diana Seconded. all in favor.

End meeting

