

## Pine Middle School PTO Meeting

Minutes Of September 24, 2020

Attended by: Brad Boudreau, Amy Marincic, Tony Radoumis, Tracy Hartwick, Imelda Flores, Emiliana Ramirez, Lupita Toribio, Jose Flores, Georgette Knecht, Amy Chin, Will Marshall, and Heather Curtis.

Attended Virtually by: Devin, Angela, Lyric Padasas, Carmen Acosta, Gonzalo Tamesis, Reem Abdelrabin, Elizabeth Polizzi, Jose, Allison, and Jermaine Jackson. And potentially up to 10 more unidentified on ZOOM.

Call to Order: Not official call to order. Mr. Boudreaux began with a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation. He discussed ways the PTO has assisted the school in the past. He discussed the change in student numbers. There are 981 students as of today; 317 6<sup>th</sup> graders in 2 teams, 315 7<sup>th</sup> graders in 2 teams, 349 8<sup>th</sup> graders in 2 teams and there is one combined GT team. He reminded us that we are the "BSIU" Best School in the Universe! He reminded everyone that volunteers are not allowed in the building at this time. He went through the school policies and core beliefs. Discussed the Second Step social emotional program. Presented the challenges the school will be facing this year and strategies to meet them. He reiterated that students are encouraged to come to the school in person on their distance learning days from 8:00 – 10:00 in the morning to receive help in the multipurpose room if they need it. This is only a maximum of 50 students.

Mr. Boudreaux then went into the PTO portion asking how they can help support the parents and students.

Budget: Brad presented the student activities budget numbers. These funds can only be used on kids or used to teach kids. There is currently a little over \$76,000 in this account. He reminded us that Pine MS is now a Title 1 school which means that we will receive additional federal funding. He used this extra funding on extra staffing this year. In addition, due to this extra funding, he noted that the school did not charge families the usual \$40 when they registered this year.

The PTO currently has a little of \$22,000 in their budget at this time.

The following committees of 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration, Dance Committee, Dine for Pine, Fundraising, Staff Appreciation, Student Appreciation, Garden Club, and Watch Dogs were acknowledged but not discussed at this time.

Action Items: Mr. Boudreaux requested parents participate in the PTO. And asked that people email him with any interest, questions, or desire to participate in a personal way. Brad gave much deserved praise to Karen Serink our "amazing" extremely involved president of the last 2 years and active parent volunteer prior to that. We decided that since she has taken a full-time job, we would move Tony Radoumis up to the President position. He accepted. Brad expressed that he was open to changing the times of the PTO meeting going forward. He stated that meetings can continue in person as long as less than 50 people are in attendance. He like to continue to make the meetings available via ZOOM to hopefully increase participation.

Teacher Reports: Mr. Hartwick brought up attendance concerns. Boudreaux acknowledged that distance learning is difficult and that he is more concerned with what the students are producing at this time than their actual attendance.

Mr. Jackson, a parent via ZOOM, asked if teachers were going to be more interactive online with their students. This was addressed by Boudreaux and he said they would follow up.

Announcements: The meeting minutes will be typed up and made available on the PTO website.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15. The next PTO meeting is October 19th at 1:00 pm.