

Friends of Syracuse Latin General Board Meeting  
October 17, 2017

**Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions - Brea Allers (5-min)

-Introductions of the Board Members:

President- Brea Allers

Vice President- Kerry Zubrzycki

Secretary-Kristin Mecum

Treasurer- Margaret Chajka

Communication Officers- Katie Cramer and Meredith Austin

Principal's Report: VP-Krista Hunter

**Principal's Update**

**PTO Meeting – 10/17/17**

**Curriculum Night**

- Thank you to all families who attended curriculum night. All powerpoint presentations are posted on our page on the SCSD website. If you were unable to attend curriculum night, parents are reminded to reach out to their child's teacher to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Liaisons**

- *School Leadership Team Parent Reps:* Cheryl Lowery, 1<sup>st</sup> grade parent (year 1 of 2); Jalecia Graves, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent (year 2 of 2)
- *Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council:* Jacquelynn Gibson, Kindergarten parent; Bryn Lovejoy Grinnell, 1<sup>st</sup> grade parent

**SteamBoat Challenge at the MOST**

- Several 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams competed at the annual SteamBoat Challenge at the MOST on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Ms. Hunter, Mrs. Mosier and Ms. Maine for leading our teams. Thank you to PTO for supporting with funds for some materials for the steamboats. Congratulations to all those who participated, especially Team "Sea Star" who won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division!

### **Fall Festival / Parade Activities**

- The Fall Festival / Parade will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm in the bus loop of the main parking lot. Families are invited to watch and should gather on the sidewalk. We have various events occurring throughout the day on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a reminder that no food should be sent in for celebrations unless specifically requested by your child's teacher.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards**

- The first quarter ends on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be distributed during parent teacher conferences on 11/7 or 11/14. All remaining report cards will be sent home on 11/15.

### **November 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

- There is no school for students on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> is a half-day for students. Dismissal on the half day is 11:30am. There is also no school (all schools/offices closed) on November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day.

### **Parent Engagement Notebooks**

- Parent Engagement Notebooks (PEN Pals) were distributed to Kindergarten families on curriculum night. We expect 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families to receive their notebooks at Parent/Teacher conferences. We will hold PEN Pals meetings prior to PTO meetings for K-2 families and expect to begin in November or December. The PEN Pals notebooks are being piloted at our school in grades K-2 only this year.

### **Treasure's Report - Margaret Chajka (5-min)**

- Gannon's Night doesn't have an official tally yet but it was a great turn out
- After Read-A-Thon, we will readdress the budget
- Latin School currently has \$9023 and Hughes has \$2531

### **Communications Report - Katie Cramer and Meredith Austin (5-min)**

- Sharing the Communication Role
- Meredith- Facebook Monitoring, received over 200 names for the email directory list, you may receive a grade level email or whole school email if that applies, will send out email blasts to update people on events and volunteers needed

- Katie Cramer- Will create the Newsletter each month, goal is to receive the newsletter the first day of the month, if any feedback feel free to let me know

Odyssey of the Mind Presentation - Mrs. Mosier, Instructional Coach and Ms. Darrohn, AIS Teacher (15-20min)

- Showed the video of the competition to the students and they were very excited.
- It's a problem solving competition that will happen locally, then across the state and eventually the world
- Problems to decide to solve as a team: Select a Fairy Tale and create a mockumentary about the Fairy Tale, use wood to make a structure to hold weight, or create a vehicle
- Looking for students who are willing to work as a team and have creativity
- Followed the national guidelines for auditions
- Auditions are next week (30 min total time), we will have one **team** of 7 students grades 3-5
- Dramatic performance (2 min) can make props and costumes but all has to be made, cannot just be purchased, needs to be made in some way
- Also- an improve section to the audition, they will be given a prop and they need to improve
- Spontaneous group problem solving activity (5-7 min)
- Need to send in the permission form- it's a HUGE responsibility, some weekends and nights involved
- Judges are going to be sent from outside of the school for auditions and will be choosing the members of the group
- The students are provided a budget and they have to purchase their own materials on their own with coaches or parents
- Parents and judges are there to guide students, they cannot suggest what to buy
- Mondays 8:15-9:00, Wed 3:15-4:00 are the practice days
- March 10<sup>th</sup> is the state competition in Binghamton
- First school in the District to have a team

## **New Business**

### **School Spirit Wear - Karen Jenks (5min)**

- Order forms should be coming out early next week
- Quick process to get the actual spirit wear, about 3 weeks to have the product
- Delivered to school by classes
- Added a lot of new gear options this year

### **Vendor Holiday Shoppes - Ginny Russell (5min)**

- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm
- It's our 4<sup>th</sup> year doing this fundraiser
- Central Baptist church in the basement
- Still need volunteers to run the raffle table and other jobs
- Coat drive will be happening
- Set up on Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm at the Central Baptist church  
volunteers needed
- All the money goes directly to the PTO

### **Volunteer Needs for November - Brea Allers (5min)**

- Volunteers needed for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner
- Binder placed in the Teacher Room with PTO information in case any staff members wanted the information from the meetings

## **Adjourn 7pm**