

Churchill Jr. High PTSA Meeting Minutes

Dec 4th 2018

Present: Allison Armstrong, Josh LeRoy, Jenny Tempfer, Mark Armstrong, Annalen Meredith, Meghan Castleton, Sonya Miller, Melissa Mahlberg, Debbie Petilos, and Leslie Neilman

First half hour of meeting was held without the student board present. Students were present second half of meeting.

Welcome and introductions done by Pres. Allison Armstrong

- Approval of May 2017 minutes, copies and approval submitted on line. Open discussion on who was possibly present. Annalen Meredith motion to approve, Melissa Mahlberg second. All in favor, motion passed.
- November minutes were postponed approving until next month. Allison will set up everyone on a google shared drive.
- Approval of minutes from May postponed. Minutes will be sent out to everyone via email to approve.
- Treasurer Report
 - Presented by AnnaLen Meredith. Finances are in good shaped. Areas are on or below budget.
 - Melissa Mahlberg made the motion to approve the financial report and budget. Debbie Petilos second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Principal's report: update from Community Council meeting.
 - Next year health class will be moved back to semester and no longer a quarter. New state requirements make it hard to tech in one quarter.
 - French (Dual Immersion): Discusson on how the Dual Immersion program started. Churchill working hard to make the program successful. Morningside had 55 5th graders. Current 43 6th graders and 39th 7th graders. Next year going to have to be split and won't be able to offer the culture class. Will have two full time French teachers for the program.
 - Electives; review every year whether to keep electives at quarter or semeseter.
 - Currently exploring to move 7th and 8th grade electives to semester. Finding that in about 5 elective programs that by next year 7th graders might have taken all electives. Maybe 6th graders have quarter electives to give more exposure to electives and 7th and 8th graders move to semester electives.
 - Tech 1 & 2 classes; need teachers. Can have someone outside of teaching field, possible engineering degree. Qualified person could apply to the district. The state makes the final decision.
 - Advisory Class for 6th graders this year gone well.

- Discussion and information on the registration process and teachers class availability. GEA regulates teachers to teach three preps. Some teachers have more than 3 preps and they have to agree to this. Currently have 23 total teachers with 21 full time. 10 of them are teaching full prep (all 7 periods). All three English teachers teaching 7 periods, whereas the math teachers do not teach an extra period. Mrs. Pratt took on extra period for U.S. History. Bottom line is that our teachers are amazing at filling in the gap where things are needed. Churchill is lucky to have so many teachers who do and give a lot.
- Hope Squad: Students have been selected and training for the students and parents will begin soon. They are not peer counselors, but more of a conduit. If they see or hear about concerns, they pass that information on to the advisors and counselors. They look for signs like depression. Main function is to just be out in the school with their peers and pay attention to what's going on.
- President's report, Committee reports and school updates/activities:
 - Reflections: Thursday at 7pm will be the awards ceremony at Skyline.
 - PTA Awards: Allison went through the handout on teacher and staff PTA awards. Deadline is Jan 25th.
 - Reality Town: Great success. Thanks to Aubri Moench for leading this event. Allison is still working on getting more feedback for this.
 - Movie Night: Thank you Melanie Soelberg for leading this. Few hiccups with playing the movie and had to watch the movie in the band room. PTSA students indicated this was a good event. Discussion to possibly move it to spring or a different movie. Possibly have a vote in advisory classes for which movie in the future.
 - Cookie and Cocoa: Scheduled for Dec 13th. This is a holiday appreciation luncheon for the teachers and a \$5 gift card. Sign ups are on Signup Genius.
 - Super Bowl of Caring: School event to help feed the district food bank. Each class will have their doors decorated by the PTSA kids. Each home room has a jar and they can take cans and money. Having contest. New ideas bills or pennies, can take away and silver adds. So if one class does well someone can add a bill to take away their money. Monday morning PTSA kids can come to SBO meeting to work on this together. Allison will email out parents.
 - Nominating Committee: still need volunteers.
 - Box Top: PTSA students think collecting again in Feb and doing a contest is a good idea.
 - Wish List: Allison said Wasatch uses a wedding registry to send out to parents to purchase for the PTA and school. Discussion on doing this for Churchill to have prizes for contests and such and possibly teacher needs. Someone had posted a GoFundMe for a camera for a teacher. Discussion on how PTA can help with any financial needs.
 - School of Excellence: Still in process. It's through the National PTA and a lot of work goes into it.
 - Red Ribbon Week: still no chair. Discussion in whether to do this year or not. Jenny will look into NAMI. Possibly an assembly maybe schedule for spring.
 - PTA Day at the Capital: Feb 13th 9am-2pm. SBO's and PLT's went last year. PTSA will go this year as well. Would like sweatshirts.

- No newsletter from PTA this month, but have three people going to do it moving forward.

Allison Armstrong thanked everyone for attending. Drinks and treats provided to the students. Allison Armstrong moved to adjourn, Jenny Tempfer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by secretary, Jenny Tempfer.