

Churchill Jr High PTSA Meeting
December 3, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Present: Kim Roberts, Heather Derum, Shannon Fischio, Allison Armstrong, Jen Treadway, Trent Hendricks, Mark Miller, Heather Ferguson, Sonja Blodgett, Joanna Dickson

Meeting Minutes- Kim Roberts made a motion to approve November minutes. Jen Treadway second. All approved - November meeting minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

- Nominating Committee- Current OPEN PTSA POSITIONS--President-Elect, Communications- Newsletter, SouperBowl of Caring, Bulletin Boards, Movie Night - need committee decided by Dec. 31, 2019. Allison will contact potential committee members. Nominations due by Feb. meeting.
- Directory status- Still over 200 people have not turned in the contact information form. One last email push to get these turned in before printing.
- Mrs. Wagner Retirement - Joanna Dickson is asking for letters/ notes for Mrs. Wagner from the community - this was posted on the NextDoor website. Jan. 3rd - PTSA is supplying balloons & flowers at assembly, decorations for a colleague luncheon, and refreshments (cake and cookies) for the evening open house. Mr. Hendricks has sent out a media release. Volunteers needed - contact Allison or SignupGenius.
- PTSA Student Board - Pizza meeting Dec. 10 during lunch in Room 201 - These students are in charge of Super Bowl of Caring - If anyone is interested in helping with SouperBowl of Caring - let Allison know.
- Charger Chatter Newsletter - information to be included due asap to churchilljrhighptsa@gmail.com
- Volunteers/ ideas needed for Churchill Open House for new/prospective students - Jan. 22 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. PTSA provides cookies and info table.

Principal's Report- Trent Hendricks

- Thanks again to PTSA for support.
- Gate issues - they have contacted the district to keep the outgoing gate open during drop-off and pick-up
- The administration has determined how to determine Honor Roll with Proficiency Based Grading system (modeled off Olympus Jr. High):- recognize all 3's or higher for high honor roll & at least four 3's and no lower than 2.5 for honor roll. Ice cream social next Thursday for High Honor Roll.
- Teachers select students of the month and students who get thank you notes during the monthly grade-level meetings
- Reviewed Tiers for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) procedure
- Principal's letter once a quarter - contains a review of last quarter and upcoming news
- Weekly message sent out from teachers will start this Friday - one email to parents with teacher summary from each class - working on this in advisory. Students will add a note to parent(s) as well.

Treasurer Report- Jen Treadway provided copies of the current budget.

Leadership VP Heather Derum - Churchill PTSA Teacher/ Staff/ Volunteer Awards due mid-January. Called for suggestions: Cris Brimley, Meyer, Wagner, Ms. B, Ms. Page. Heather and Allison will meet to review.

Cookies & Cocoa Holiday Luncheon for Teachers - Dec. 20, Shannon Fischio is chair -volunteer needs will be posted on Signup Genius

Reflections- Several Churchill Winners for Skyline Council - Recognition open house this Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Skyline Cafeteria

2D Visual Arts--Nora Johnson -Churchill Jr
3D Visual Arts--Madee Tolley- Churchill Jr
Literature--Penelope Madsen -Churchill J
Music--Craig Larson - Churchill Jr
Photography--Eva Iverson -Churchill Jr
Awards of Merit (like an honorable mention award--they won't move on to the next level)
Literature--Eva Iverson Churchill Jr,

Maren Dahle Churchill Jr
Photography--Porter Miller Churchill Jr

Reality Town - Very Successful - Thanks Shauna Godfrey for chairing this event.

Vision Screening- Successful - Thanks Hollie Wharton & Volunteers

Emergency Preparedness- Old granola bars were distributed to the teachers to pass out.

Amazon Registry/ PTSA provided teacher supplies closet? Put PTSA Menchie's money toward supplies? Allison asked Mr. Hendricks to ask teachers for their preference on how to use the funds.

Summary of Suggested Booklist for Parents of Middle Schoolers:

From Fauncy:

I like *The Entitlement Trap*, by Richard and Linda Eyre, inspired me to start "family meetings" And has great family management tools. Before that was *The Price of Privilege*, by Madeline Levine, which is one psychologist's idea about why wealthy children have so many problems, not as useful but good food for thought. Parenting is hard work, so many challenges in the digital age!

From Jen:

Smart But Scattered by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare

The best book on helping kids develop Executive Functioning skills out there. They have quizzes to help you and your child determine their strengths and weaknesses and specific strategies to try for each of the 12 EF skills outlined.

Queen Bees and Wannabees by Rosalind Wiseman

This is the book that inspired Tina Fey to write *Mean Girls*. It talks about different "types" of girls and gives specific examples of how to de-escalate difficult social situations.

School Struggles by Richard Selznick

My kid took a look at the cover of this book (without reading the title) and said "That's me, in school." This book talks about how to help your shut-down learner be successful in school. It offers advice and perspective for parents of children who struggle for a variety of reasons.

What to Do About Dyslexia: 25 Essential Points for Parents

by Richard Selznick

Does your kid struggle with reading, writing or spelling? It might be dyslexia. This quick and to the point book talks about what dyslexia is (it may not be what you think it is), how it is assessed, how to approach remediation and tips to help you and your child conquer the most common learning disability.

iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy - and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood

By Jean Twenge

Lots of statistics in this book, I pretty much skipped a lot of the detailed data to consume the summary description but it helps explain how kids born in the "iPhone generation" are different from their predecessors.

From Allison:

Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood by Lisa Damour -

Such a great book about what a preteen- teenage girl is thinking. I could see myself as a teenager in many of the examples in the book. I will probably need to read it a few more times, but it has provided great insight into my daughter's actions.

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish - There are times when I just don't see what is obvious. This book is full of common-sense advice for communicating with your kids.