

Churchill Jr. High PTSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 9/3/19

Present:

Allison Armstrong
Jen Treadway
Shannon Fischio
Lorraine Larson
Sonya Swaner-Miller
Heather Derum
Trent Hendricks
Ms. Chester

Tabled the May 2019 minutes

Principal's report:

Mr. Hendricks says he's elated to be back. He doesn't anticipate making any big changes; wants to keep Churchill on track. He views the PTA as a sounding board to gauge the community's needs/reactions.

Enrollment is 605, perhaps because of improved test scores. He wants to keep enrollment under 620; smaller junior high is better for kids this age, who thrive when they have connections with adults.

Re: Safety Plan: Committee meets quarterly. School had an impromptu fire alarm during lunch and it went smoothly. School will be adding red arrows on corners of hallways to point kids in right direction to the field.

Re: Back to School night: 80% of teachers came voluntarily.

Re: Locking doors during school day: Up to SCC to get involved.

Ms. Chester report on proficiency based grading:

Teachers want to help parents understand the shift to new grading. English dept creating a FAQ. Notable that some colleges are moving to proficiency scales because the meaning of grades changes by school. PBG removes that discrepancy.

PTA budget:

A motion was made by H. Derum and 2nded by A. Armstrong to approve the 2019-2020 PTSA Budget, which passed.