

North Ridgeville City Schools PTA Council

General Meeting January 9, 2017

PTA President- Bonnie Taucher

- Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Powell

- District has been using the preschool student teacher ratio of 8/8, State of Ohio now enforcing 6/6 which means the district would need to hire 6 more adults (teachers, paraprofessionals). District looking into the possibility of hiring.
- Tyler Tech survey of transportation completed and email went out to families outlining new bussing and school start times. Current 3 tier bussing system condensed into 2. District to purchase additional busses to accommodate needs.
- 3-8 to be bussed together and certain older kids will be selected to be Bus Buddies. These buddies will serve as bus “captains” in a role similar to a “safety patrol”.
- Ranger Tech still has openings for interested students

School Board Representative Report- Joanna Timura

- Board attended Capital Conference this past November which included a lot of good leadership training and a trade show.
- High School graduation ceremony being moved to The Wolstein Center in Cleveland to accommodate more people.

Treasurer Report- Sara Miller

- Budget reviewed.
- 2 senior scholarships are still outstanding from last year. Unable to contact the winners.

Art Reflections

- Judging this Thursday, January 12th at the High School
- Submitted to Ohio PTA by January 18th
- Brooke suggests a meeting in March to discuss expectations of the art company who we contracted with to set up Art Reflections Show.

NRECHPTA- Molly Darnell

- Collecting Valentines and gifts to be given to seniors who receive Meals on Wheels in North Ridgeville

NREC / ECLC Report – Molly Darnell PTA President, Andrea Vance Principal

- Andrea- Dinner with My Dude was a huge success, approx. 500 people attended. Thanks to Molly for the event.
- Holiday donations made to 5 families within the schools and donations given to Community Care
- Q-U Wedding coming up at the kindergarten
- Preschool online registration was successful.
- State of Ohio is enforcing student teacher ratio of 6/6, which has cut class sizes to a total of about 30 total less spots for preschoolers.
- Kindergarten Information Night February 15th 6-8pm. Parents will fill out more paperwork online as opposed to the big packet of papers parents filled out in the past.

Lear North Report- Sarah Kader PTA President, Mitch Heffron Principal

- Sarah- Holiday Shop successful
- 10 families were selected for the Winter Adopt a Family, the campaign was very successful.
- Lear is in 9th place overall for the Marcos School Challenge. The school can win a share of the total prize money from \$500-\$2,000
- Valentine's Day Family Fun Night planning has begun
- Mitch- Thanks to the PTA for their hard work in the Winter Adopt a Family. Many families were so very thankful for their gifts.
- ST Math successful with teachers and students which utilizes "gaming" types of programs for math. Program allows for individualized learning for each student.
- Additional Title 1 Teacher hired for the school

Liberty Report- Michelle Watt PTA President, Greg Plantner Principal

- Michelle- Holiday Shop and Holiday Parties successful
- Winter community service Blessing Baskets. The goal was 8 which was surpassed and 13 was the actual number of baskets
- Greg- Playground equipment was delivered to school.
- State test results are in, some of the breakdown
 - 10% increase in students who are proficient or better
 - Liberty is 4th highest in Lorain County
 - 44% of students are proficient or higher (goal is 80%) however, almost no districts meet this goal. 100 students are not on par to meet the 3rd grade reading guarantee. These students receive an alternate test, which that have 3 attempts to pass. 2/3 of the students pass on the first attempt. One of the main reasons is that some students do not do well with online tests.

Only 1 child out of 1000 in the past 3 years was retained because of the 3rd grade guarantee. Once a student doesn't pass the first test they work with intervention teachers to identify strengths and weakness and to develop lesson plans.

- Staff to tour new building on Friday
- Liberty to begin a community indoor walking program starting on January 18th
- Donuts with Dad in February, will have show choir / band to perform
- Pasta for Pennies to begin to benefit charity
- Student Council collected 5 boxes of winter gear for Community Care

Wilcox Report – Marie Browning PTA President, Lee Armbruster Principal

- Marie- Holiday Shop successful
- Talent Show try-outs soon
- Lee- Student Council provided holiday gifts to children.
- Testing to begin
- New Student Leadership program “Ranger Strong”. Program will include all schools and administration. Will emphasize personal, character, and academic skill building.

North Ridgeville Middle School- Natalie DeRossa

- Booster sponsored initiative Responsible Rangers Rock
- National honor Society held a scavenger hunt to benefit diabetes awareness
- Girls basketball is in semi-finals
- Talent Show upcoming
- February 10th 7th grade dance

New Business

- Dodgeball tournament coming up
- Ticket only orders to be filled as they come in, t shirt and ticket orders to be filled week of tournament
- Anti- bullying assemblies to be postponed until next year as the dates conflicted with testing. To be rebooked for the beginning of next year
- What to now spend money on? Some ideas include adding to Summer Kick Off Event
- Council to meet in February to discuss ideas for Summer Kick Off
- Important Council Dates

February 2, 2017 Council Meeting (Liberty Art Room)

February 24, 2017- Dodgeball

March 31, and April 1, 2017 – Art Reflections

May 20, 2017 Summer Kick- off Party