

## Sudlow School PTA

Minutes from regular meeting on 10/17/19 in Sudlow Library

Members Present: Travis Carpenter, Michelle Contois, Lisa Cox, Nick Cox, Tania Duex, Corri Guy, Heather Johnson, Molly Klag, Sarah Liddell, Sue Morrow, Taurean Rivers, Colleen Skolrood, Shawna Smith, Mary Thomas, Tracey Vargas, Tonya Wilkins

Vice President Colleen Skolrood called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Election of Officers: Colleen S. made a motion to elect Lisa Cox treasurer and Heather Johnson secretary. The motion was seconded by Travis C., voted on and passed. Lisa Cox will have banking authority.

Principal's report: We are short paras and working to hire several more. A new at-risk teacher has been hired. She will teach 4 classes dealing with social and emotional health and will provide support for counselors. School is over capacity with 918 students and dealing with large class sizes. Mrs. Wilkins has asked for another administrator, more security and a full-time police officer.

Positive changes: Tiger tickets earned by students can now be redeemed at a mobile store that travels to different floors for several days every two weeks. Students use tickets to buy treats. Home baked goods are especially popular. Students now go to the gym after lunch for free time. Student council is being led by Mrs. Owens and Mr. Lenstra.

Parent Involvement: We would like to start a program encouraging parents to volunteer at school. We would like to call it "Tiger Pack" and have lanyards to identify volunteers. Tania D. offered to help set up the program but would like help from other parents. We would like to have a kick-off at our next PTA meeting in December where parents can fill out the DCSD volunteer form and learn more about the program.

Upcoming events: Midquarter conferences December 4; book fair – Scholastic will drop off on Nov. 21 and pick up on December 11; Kids Night Out next Wednesday; blood drive April 6; last day of school June 5

Discussion about changes with first quarter conferences. Some thought teachers being in classrooms made discussions last longer. Some liked teachers being in classrooms or in hall outside classrooms. Maybe teachers could have timers limiting length of discussions.

Clubs/organizations: Ms. Thomas told us about all of the clubs and organizations available to students, including treble choir, bass choir, 6<sup>th</sup> grade honor choir, jazz bands, FTC Robotics, newspaper club (Tiger Times), drama club, and student council

Budget: We have over \$10,000 in our bank account; need to decide how we want to spend funds; we will put some toward Tiger Pack program and Mrs. Wilkins will send an email to teachers regarding their needs; we also have a gift card from our last blood drive that needs to

be spent on items for school; Lisa C. will work with Mrs. Wilkins to determine what to buy; suggestions included Kleenex

Fundraising: Mrs Klag set up a Royal Neighbors chapter and has been earning funds through volunteer hours. We have received checks totaling \$1200 so far this year. If anyone else wants to join the chapter, let Mrs. Klag know.

We will hold a fundraiser at the new Dairy Queen Grill & Chill on Elmore Avenue on Tuesday, November 26, from 5-8 p.m. Twenty percent of proceeds will come back to Sudlow.

School uniforms: All Sudlow uniforms seem old and worn. Heather J. will contact Paul Flynn, DCSD athletic director, to discuss possibility of new uniforms.

Next meeting date TBA. Colleen S. adjourned meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather K. Johnson, Secretary