

6:35 Call to order by Misty Shaver; PTO Co-Coordinator.
Introductions and sign-in.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Nicole Kingsbury, Laura Hill, Chris Droste, Danielle Zieroff, Dawna Hartt, Julee Dillon, Misty Shaver, Stephen Sevener, Maria Markey and Katie Hintz.

Secretary's Report:

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 2018 PTO meeting. Katie H. motioned to approve the May 2018 minutes and Julee D. seconded approval.
- Discussed the logistics of the Color Run from 2018 – it worked well having the two other schools working with Auburn.

Treasurer's Report:

- N. Kingsbury presented the minutes from the May 2018 PTO meeting. Maria Markey M. moved to approve the treasurer's report, and Katie H. seconded.

Principal's Report:

- The school calendar is on the website and parents are encouraged to check it regularly for upcoming events and activities.
- The Fall fundraiser ends on Thursday, September 20th, 2019. We were under last year in how much money was raised, which impacts classroom funding. Our yearly goal is \$500.00 per classroom.
- We have had a few new additions to the Auburn staff this school year. STEAM is new this year by adding art to the traditional STEM curriculum. Art is still being taught, but with more math and science built into the curriculum. Mrs. Booms is the new STEAM teacher. We also have more flexibility this school year with the Specials area because we have a full time PE and Media teacher.
- The District Sinking Fund did pass, which results in an additional \$1,000,000/year for the next seven years for facilities related projects throughout BCPS. Included are projects for Auburn Elementary like reconfiguring of the entrance to make it more secure. A generator will also be installed to help in times where there are power outages.
- As a PTO we need to continue to focus on goal setting beyond the outdoor classroom. What is the next priority? One goal not met is for Kindergarten and 1st grade. They will still need Chromebooks to complete their Chromecarts.
- Questions about the cost of the outdoor classroom came up. The pergola cost \$4,600.00. The benches will cost around \$3000.00; enough for seating for around 30-32 students. The landscaping cost around \$1,900.00. The cement is behind schedule because of the hot and humid weather conditions this summer. The total for the project is \$13,000.00. This does not include the extras that could be added like a weather station, etc. These are areas where future fundraising could be directed. ETA time to finish is to be determined still because of the weather related issues with the installation of the cement. Early on with the project contractors were contacted to bid but did not respond. District policy and legally there is a

requirement is that we receive 3 bids. We are hopeful to have it finished before winter.

Coordinators' Report:

- The BCW Homecoming theme is “Big Cities,” and Auburn Elementary is focusing on Detroit sports teams. Liz Garchow is coordinating our Homecoming entry and volunteers can sign up on “Sign-up Genius”
- The Harvest Party is October 26th – when more information starts coming together we will put together a “Sign-Up Genius” for volunteers. Decorating can begin in the cafeteria after 2:00p.m. but cannot be done until after school in the gym.
- *Tentative dates:*
 - December 7th - Christmas shopping for the kids. Prices will be comparable.
 - January 25th, a Friday night, for a family bowling night.
 - First and second week of February – we need to set the prices for a new fundraiser; Savory Sweets – out of Grand Rapids. They sell cookies, popcorn, etc. Samples were provided.
 - February 22nd – a family pool party at the Midland Community Center.
 - Fun Fair will be on March 8th, 2019.
 - Color Run, which will still be head by Ashley Nowak, April 13th, 2019.
 - Field Day will be May 31st, 2019. Bounce houses have been reserved, and the field day for the fifth graders will be the same day at Western High School.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Goal Setting:
 - Seek out professional development supported by the PTO and to see what resources are available for the outdoor classroom. Katie H. suggested that we approach the Chippewa Nature Center about professional development opportunities. Julee mentioned the zoo, and other community resources that we might be able to utilize so that we don't have to keep extras in the classroom.
 - Chrome cart needs to be finished off. We're going to have to start looking at how the Chromebooks are aging (due to use, etc.). We will need to purchase new to replace aging or broken Chromebooks. The Chromebooks usually cost around \$175.00 each, which includes the District required extras. We need approximately 64 more Chromebooks to finish out the Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms.
 - New play structure outside. The red structure is limited to upper elementary because the students can really only climb up and climb down.
- Katie H. introduced a fundraiser for an enrichment program. Mr. Sevenser needs to look into how this can be implemented.
- The State Theatre has done a family night movie night for Auburn in the past. Laura H. discussed an opportunity to show “The Greatest Showman Ever.” If we decided to have a movie night at Auburn (drop and shop) as in the past, Mrs. Welch and

Mrs. Riffle were mentioned as good resources for finding volunteers from Western High School.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.