

PTO COUNCIL AGENDA

4/17/25

1. INTRODUCTIONS (JENNY AVELES & LILLY GUTWEIN)

- a. Attendees: Jenny Abeles, Joanna Dinsmore, Abby Goldstein, Jessie Graetz, Lilly Gutwein, Jen Jordan, Allyson Lavender, Deanna Palagallo, Laura Seelbach, Clare Higgins Siegel, Stacy Siwak, Gina Tarte, Tahnee Jackson Whitlock

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE (Gina Tarte, Communications Director)

- a. New website will be rolled out before December 2025. The new website will be mobile friendly. Rolling out a training component.
- b. Foundation Grants will be communicated shortly.
- c. Training on new security badges taking place soon.
- d. Inclusion video coming out.
- e. Discussion about how district-wide communications could be improved. Talk about creating "one community."

3. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE (STACY SIWAK)

- a. Last night was first board meeting since election day, Chris Win and Ben Benfield sworn in for three year terms. Stacy Siwak sworn in for one year term. Officers were also selected:
 - i. Stacy Siwak, Board President
 - ii. Jason Growe, Vice President
 - iii. Chris Win, Secretary
 - iv. Kimberly Hurst, Treasurer
- b. Focus will continue to be the facilities planning. Approved an RFQ to seek out architecture firms to bid on design work. Narrowed to three areas: Clayton high school: a new academic for Career and Technical innovation, redoing the auditorium. Athletic Facilities, turf at Wydown and either renovating gay field campus or swapping land with the city to bring the football field closer to the high school for the safety of family center children and high school children. Third piece are the elementary schools. They have the greatest needs in terms of construction, but also most complex and difficult. We are actively looking at buying land to buy to potentially build a new elementary school.
- c. We will potentially have a bond issue next April for improvements.
- d. Chief Technology Officer is retiring. Board approved new CTO at meeting last night.
- e. 4PM May 5 Is next Legislative Advisory Committee meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (JESSICA GRAETZ)
 - a. June/July we will pay money minder. Nothing else to report
 - b. Dues will be the same next year.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: August 14th. Schools will not need to pay dues for next year's bash since money will be carried over from last year.
 - b. Meeting Dates set for next year. August 28th will be the first PTO Council meeting of the new year.
6. GROUP DISCUSSION (PTO COUNCIL)
 - a. 2025/2026 PTO SLATES/RECRUITMENT: PTO Council slate presented. Deanna Palagallo motioned to approve the PTO Council slate as presented and Allyson Lavender seconded. All voting members present approved.
 - b. Schools should have slates for next year well prepared.
7. BEST PRACTICES
 - a. Schools would like printed handbook of PTO guidelines
 - b. The virtual postcards are very popular and doing very well. Recommend that everyone use for their PTO communications.
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