

Merchantville School PTA General Meeting

16Jan2019, 7 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Suggestion from Nicole Kipp: Student Ambassadors shirt or nametag for when they are helping out with events?
Student Ambassadors help out with all the PTA stuff and NJHS students help out with the school stuff.

Summer's update on Take Your Family to School Week:

--Friday 15th Feb Spirit after dark

--No Valentine's Day event (Thursday 14th Feb)

--Stem Night (through the school) Tuesday 12th Feb

--Parent Visitation day (through the school) Wednesday 13th Feb

--Pajamas, Pancakes and Game Night vs. Potluck Idea—Summer asked for feedback? Monday 11th

--Thursday Day—Love letters to teachers for bulletin board, hearts up every day for teachers that they put up on wall (Mariaelena) Mariaelena will help

STUDENTS WILL BE NEEDED FOR SPIRIT AFTER DARK: NICOLE KIPP

No correspondences to be read

CSA's report

--Check contact info in Real Time for closings etc

--Middle of trimester Jan 30th

--Asking for feedback about conferences being in November before Thanksgiving

-Some like the new time as opposed to last year

-Possibly make time slots slightly longer, or have teachers set up a timer so that they don't go over times too far.

Treasurer's Report: Diana

Updates to Budget

Programs Updates

--Susie Stevens-Talent Show—Going well, rehearsals an extra week in auditorium that was unexpected. Moving into alternate room next week for rehearsals. Will need tech help from parent(s) coordinating backstage entering, exiting, lining up, etc. 30th January is when need will approach for more parental help

--Nicole Kipp volunteered to help, Carrie Brown

--State Police, Internet Safety, Tech info, Meet the Candidates (before a meeting), Update on Positive Partnership Meetings

--Board elections, one resigned, one being sworn in later this year

--Positive Partnership Updates—Should have an update from that meeting at PTA meeting (if one came beforehand

--Busing

--Diversity

--School Climate Impressions

Mariaelena: Scholarships with Stacey Kerr. Reaching out to teachers early, asking for applications early. Some students may not qualify but will accept applications from even those who do not qualify so to widen the scholarship pool. Merchantville School students graduating from area high schools qualify with certain GPA, service hours, etc. Currently a resident, MES attendee for 3 years, at least one of them 6-8th grade. Last year, 4 applicants, only 3 qualified, divided up money between two of them, etc...So a need for more applicants is certainly present. If there is a good pool of applicants, it is possible for scholarship board to even come and appeal to executive board for additional money if it is reasonable. Marisa seconded that its better to have early applicants as well.

Appreciation: Carrie Kidd Pumpkin Patch

Nicole Kipp Student Ambassadors

Loredana, Barnes and Noble Night

Diana and Denise, Holiday Shoppe

Susie Stevens, Talent Show

Kari Shotwell: Do you need Student Ambassadors for LEGO Club?

Point made that a good idea would be to use Student Ambassadors for MORE stuff—Any craft stuff that needs to happen, box tops, events, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.