T. CLAY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Advisory Council and PTO Collaborative Meeting (Habit 6 Synergize)**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Location: Art ROOM – ZOOM**

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| **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| **Welcome:** Lindy Mannion (Advisory Council Chair) and Julia White (PTO President)  Dr. B introduced new AC Chair, Lindy Mannion (absent due to emergency).  Explained dual meeting format that keeps both committees more informed  Agenda explained |
| **Review/Approval of September 2024 Minutes**  Ms. Young, Vice Chair, asked if any questions about last minutes. With no questions a motion to approve minutes was forwarded and seconded. |
| **Student Lighthouse Time:**  Emily (Advisory Council) and Alice (PTO)  Emily reported being excited to represent and that the Lighthouse Committee was working to raise toys for childhood cancer patients.  Alice reported being happy to be on the leadership committee. |
| **Guest Presenter: Not this month (Next month – Transportation Presenters)** |
| **Citizen/Representative’s Time: Any concerns or positives to share**   1. Concern about combined bus stops having +-20 kids rather than +-5 causes chaos and safety concerns. 2. Tartan Hill bus stop at top of hill with sun glare = low visibility and safety concerns; recommends moving stop down one block. 3. On a positive note, there are fewer stops so kids are home earlier. 4. Dr. B mentioned a link in the Timberwolf Times for bus stop issues. Recommends complaints go to school board meetings for better response. 5. Another concern about Tartan Hill stop having +-55 kids and the need to cross four streets to access. 6. It was recommended to go to a school board meeting rather than post on social media 7. Dr. B summarized peoples’ thoughts with, early bus times are good, some locations bad. Complaints should emphasize safety and overcrowded stops. Frivolous complaints dilute the legit complaints. 8. In person vs Zoom meetings was explained a vote yielded these results for mainly Zoom meetings. |
| **PTO Monthly Update**   * Discuss fundraisers and calendar for the year * Share information about each committee * Review Budget * Other Important Information   Introductions were made. President and Board members  PTO accomplishments so far were listed, e.g. school supply kits, bookcicles, welcome sign, Boosterthon.  Fundraising goals and initiative were addressed. Overall goal to raise $67K to for things like Ipad Charging Carts, a new poster maker, and software for staff and students, like BrainPop.  Budget was reviewed, explaining the various source of income from fundraisers, spirit nights, membership drive, spirit store, Bingo, Penguin Patch.  A motion to approve the budget was forwarded and seconded. |
| **Superintendent’s Advisory Council Report:** Mr. Podkowka and Mrs. Armstrong |
| **Principal’s Time**   * Review Quality Meeting Guidelines/Develop Quality Advisory Council Member * Discuss ways to get input from parents after 1st 9 weeks. A simple survey? * Projected enrollment and budget (Will not be finalized yet) * Upcoming Dates – Dr. Buchheit * Oct. 14 – No school for students – PWCS PD Day * Oct. 21 – Book Fair (Oct. 22 – Family Night -5pm Literacy Nigh 6pm) * Oct. 25 – PTO Costume Bingo * Oct. 31- Costume Day/Pumpkin Day/Marching Band Trip * Nov. 1 – No School Diwali * Nov. 4 and 5 – Work days/PD days. Conference days. * Nov. 7 – 2nd grade Fall Concert * Nov. 11 – No School Veterans Day * Nov. 12 – Veteran Day Ceremony/Parade   Dr. B reviewed important dates school events such as Hello Week, Back to School Nights, etc.  Upcoming events like All-in Tutoring and Space Week were mentioned.  Praised the timing and outcome of Boosterthon.  Suggested bringing vendor info if wanting to suggest fundraising ideas.  Reiterated the bus concerns.  Spoke about Watch DOGS allowing more Dads to volunteer.  Discussed changes to the Therapy Dog program, and how now teachers sign up for provided dates.  New curricula in Math and Language is causing some teacher stress, but is being met enthusiastically.  Praise for the new PK program was given.  VA Literacy Act was explained.  Finally, training for Advisory Council was provided. |
| **Adjournment (Next Month: VDOE Report Card, CIP, Transportation)** |

2024-2025 Meeting Dates - 6:30 p.m.

November 14, 2024 – ZOOM

January 9, 2025 – ZOOM

February 13, 2025– ZOOM

March 13, 2025 – ZOOM

April 10, 2025– in Person – Art Room

May 8. 2025- ZOOM