

PTHS PTSA MEETING 1/11/18

10 People in attendance

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by President Sue Deegan 9:20am

Special Guest Dr. French

Dr. French Discussed the possibility of moving the high school start time to 7:45 so busses do not pick up any students before 7am. Right now the earliest pick up is 6:30 am. The transportation department, along with Dr. French, are still working out all details and double checking that the change will not impact any other school start times. The financial impact of adding 5 busses must be considered as well before the proposal will be put to the school board.

Dr. French discussed the process for determining if a school delay or cancellation would be called. The team begins looking the day before bad weather is predicted. If it is safe to have kids out in the weather, and the weather conditions will not improve then a delay will not be called. If the weather is inclement but is predicted to improve over the morning hours, then a delay will be called. Many factors are considered, temperature, number of back up buses, road conditions etc. to make sure the safety of all students is maintained.

President's Report

President Deegan reported that the fall concessions were very successful this year. The teacher brunch went well. Melanie Hutnik resigned as board secretary due to a new job. We thank her for her service. The board is currently searching for a new secretary. Please consider applying for the position. A board nominating committee will need to be selected at February's meeting for next years board. PTHS Student Leadership will be hosting the Student Leadership Consortium on February 22, 2018 at the Bible Chapel. PTSA volunteers are needed for that. There is a decline in membership numbers this year. An evening meeting has been requested for February. The board will work on that. It is time to start thinking about academic donations for next school year. We can ask students if teachers need any supplemental materials in classrooms that we could help provide.

Principals Report

Mrs. Pavlik reported that the latest NMSI meeting was well attended. Thursday January 18th an academic integrity meeting will be held. One of the topics that will be addressed is the issue of missing tests on purpose in order to learn what material is covered. Mrs. Pavlik stated that discipline issues are not the biggest issues in school. The vaping problem has decreased since aggressive enforcement. The biggest issues are absenteeism and tardiness.

Mr. Lesnett introduced Paul and Mara, the Executive council Members for the Student Leadership here at PTHS. Paul and Mara discussed what Student Leadership is about and the details of the upcoming PASLC. The event will be student led, but volunteers are needed to help with the lunch portion of the day. All interested volunteers should email 18Luniewskip@ptsdwebapps.com and cc Mr.Lesnett and Sue Deegan.

Guidance Report

Ms. Steffen discussed juniors having meetings for students and families for college prep. Local Scholarship information will be coming soon. On February 22 from 5:30-8:00 the HS Counseling department is hosting a Family Support Resources Fair to introduce families to the support resources available in our area. The event will host two speakers as well as representatives from various agencies.

Guest Speaker-Officer Stevick

Officer Stevick gave some information about and answered questions on the use of vapes and Juuls. He also had some examples for those who wanted to see them. For those under age 18, Vapes are not illegal to possess but are illegal to purchase. A Juul pod is the equivalent to 1 pack of cigarettes. He stated that no reports of marijuana at the high school. He talked about drug trends in general (not specific to high school, but good to know) Heroin overdoses are down but there is an upswing in cocaine use. Searches of students do not involve pat downs but rather the use of a metal detector. Searches will include all things; person, locker, backpack and car if parked in lot.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from December meeting were approved

Treasurers Report- Tracey Melograne

Membership down and concession profit was good.

1st Vice President-Tina Beinhauer

No report

2nd Vice president- Jamie Sticha

No report

Meeting adjourned 10:27am