

November 28, 2023, Allderdice PTO Meeting Minutes (rescheduled from 11/9/2023)

Meeting began at 6:03pm

Welcome: Introduction from Karin Greenberg.

Agenda and October meeting minutes shared. Minutes approved.

Communications Report: Dan Elsass. He is making updates to the website. He asked if anybody sees any problems with the website. No issues reported.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Grodin reviewed the report. There have been 2 Spiritwear sales since the last report. The current checking account balance is \$18,338.33. The Dragon Spirit account has \$24,725.32. Judith Adelson asked about the Dragon Spirit account and when those funds will be available. The donor request letter from the 2016 Dragon Spirit party has been located. An attorney is reviewing the letter to see if we must make a request to the courts to release the funds. There is no timeline for this.

Spiritwear/Fundraising: Ilyssa Ringold stated that the Discover Allderdice Spiritwear sale went well. She thanked the volunteers who helped to sell that evening. She is looking for volunteers to sell Spiritwear at the Multicultural Night and at other events.

Grants: Judith Adelson presented 3 grant requests:

1. Requesting \$600 for a STEAM competition. STEAM team and pre-engineering magnet request will cover \$140 for classroom materials for 150 students, \$60 for fees for the 5 students who will be selected to go to the competition, and the remaining funds will be used for the actual competition.
2. Requesting \$350 for classroom books: Tommy Orange's *There, There* and Dave Eggers' *Work Zeitoun*. This will benefit 200 9th and 12th grade students. 1 The actual cost will likely be less than the amount requested. (1 CAS, African American Literature, 4 AP)
3. Requesting \$900 for a field trip to Washington, DC. The trip is open to all Social Studies students. Trip includes 1 to 2 busses, visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, meals, a walking tour, and more. The grant will be used to subsidize the fee for some students. The total cost \$180 per student.

All grants were approved.

Principal's Report: The college visits that have been taking place this Fall have been completed.

Discover Allderdice night was a success with lots of students.

Some students visited the August Wilson Center today. They met Presley Harvin from the Steelers.

The Fall play is this week (November 30th to December 3rd)

The semi-formal is Friday, December 8th for Juniors and Seniors. Tickets are on sale at \$45 each.

The vape detector devices haven't arrived yet. They might be installed on the next ½ day.

The Multicultural dinner (6pm) and winter concert (7pm) is December 14th. This will take place instead of the December PTO meeting.

Winter sports, including basketball and wrestling, are beginning.

Allderdice is participating with other high schools for a hoop's classic on December 27th.

Ms. Kelly asked for PTO meeting feedback.

Karin Greenberg wrapped up the meeting by encouraging people to attend the multi-cultural dinner. Cash donations are possible if people are interested in donating to the dinner.

Adjourned at 6:33pm.

The next PTO meeting is on January 18th. It might be both online and in-person.