

Smith Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022 – 6pm

Smith Middle School Library

Attendance: Julie Gould, Catherine Rodman, Karen Hotts, Casey Conaton, Amanda Corbett, Jamie Glab, Annalisa Heston, Ryan Brinks, Helena Gorny, Elizabeth Hammond, Jeena Patel, Hania Fakwoury, Courtney Spangler, Erika McDaniel, Bindu Bhakta, Sandy Moussa, Richard Machesky, Kerry Birmingham, Christine DiPilato

Introductions: PTO Board Members, Smith Administrators, Attendees introduced themselves.

New Business:

Meeting Dates and Times 22/23 School Year: Meeting dates and times for the upcoming school year were reviewed. The remaining meetings will take place on the following Mondays at 6pm:

October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th and June 5th.

District Bond Presentation: Dr. Richard Machesky presented a slide show regarding the upcoming Bond Proposal for Troy. Highlights from the presentation include:

- The 555 million bond will provide updates to each and every school in the Troy School District
- Asking for a 2 mill increase (troy residents have not been asked to consider an increase since 1989)
- For most homes, the cost will be less than \$1/day
- Money is necessary due to aging Troy School buildings and the aging conditions therein
- This was a community driven proposal – the FRC (Facilities Review Committee), spent over 700 hours in determining what improvements needed to be made.
- Over 66% of Troy residents indicated support for the bond proposal
- Four areas of focus: Future-Ready Learning Environments; Program Enhancements; Infrastructure & Sustainability; Safety & Technology
- Proposal would call for a brand new Smith Middle School in a state of the art facility with flexible furniture. There would be upgrades to the infrastructure at the existing Smith Middle School as well.
- The Bond Proposal presentation can be found on the district website as well as in an informational packet that will be sent to all Troy residents.
- In depth information is also available on the website

Open Committee Chair Positions: we are still in need of a few chairs for the following positions: Concessions; Bake Sales; Restaurant Nights; Stop-N-Shop.

Fall Dance Update: The first dance of the school year will take place on October 28th from 3-4:15 pm. Parents are working on organizing the details for the dance. We will review and finalize the details at the October meeting.

Curriculum Night: This will take place on September 15th at 7pm. We will have NHS students at the school to sell spirit wear and collect PTO donations. Elizabeth Hammond will be the spirit wear chair person.

Budget Review: Catherine and Julie briefly went through our Expenses for the year. PTO Funding Requests by the teachers and the 8th grade Promotion are the two largest portions of our expenses. The current checking account balance is \$12, 248.04.

Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.