District-Wide PTO Council Meeting
MINUTES

Meeting date | time 8/30/2022 6:00 PM | Meeting location Admin – Media Room

Meeting called by
Haleemah Na’Allah

Facilitator Haleemah Na’Allah

Note taker Lana Heuer

Attendees
Haleemah Na’Allah, Dr. Kherat, Chris Rohwedder, Dr. Nicole Wood, Lana Heuer
11 – in person attendees – Patricia Gates, Emily Wilcox, Nickolos Connor, Lori Williams, Meghan Moody, Jen Daniel, Jaleesha Allen, Michelle Hubble, Christina Bryant, Michele Washington, Maureen Langholf
3 – Virtual attendees – Erin Christian, Natalie Hayden, Kelly Barta

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic Welcome and Announcements | Presenter Haleemah Na’Allah, Dr. Kherat

Discussion:
Dr. Kherat opened the meeting with the introduction of Haleemah Na’Allah our new Public Relations Director, and the PTO officers introduced themselves as well.

Agenda topic Activity/ Presentations | Presenter Haleemah Na’Allah, Dr. Kherat

Discussion:
Dr. Kherat announced a new format for our PTO meetings. We are wanting more conversation and collaboration. We have a ton of resources. D2 program, Dual Language, lots of online Math and Science resources. Dr. Kherat wants to ignite our students that are going to ICC during high school and starting nursing school and other trades. The District used a lot of the covid money to purchase new curriculum and furniture for the classrooms. They also bought buses. Let your parents know they can also be remotely active in the PTO meetings. Dr. Kherat suggested bringing Amanda Brown to talk about IXL and pull in the Curriculum team.

Haleemah introduced the PTO page on our District website so we can share upcoming events. Haleemah also shared the quick link to the individual pages by clicking on the school logo.

Haleemah would like to see more PTO mixers. Having two schools group together to share more ideas. Haleemah offered to assist PTOs if they need a speaker for one of their meetings.
**Agenda topic** Discussion/ Feedback (Parking Lot) | Presenter Haleemah Na‘Allah, Dr. Kherat / All

Reservoir Gifted (Emily Wilcox) had 30 in attendance at their first PTO meeting with lots of parent involvement. They offer uniform day, $5 Starbucks for incentives.

Dr. C.T. Vivian (Meghan Moody) had 30 in attendance at their first PTO meeting. They have fundraiser events and Book Fairs.

Kellar (Nickolos Conner) they have good parent involvement and they also offer the uniform day.

Annie Jo Gordon (Michelle Washington) they would have game night, skating, bowling.

Dr. Maude A. Sanders said they need some strategies for how they can get parental involvement. Some suggestions were: bring in a speaker, have Reservoir Gifted Principal come in to discuss testing procedures and test scores, have a 5th grade principal come talk about preparing for middle school, Fun and Mud Run, host a breakfast the beginning of the school year.

**Questions**

Nickolas Connor asked about the IXL program for the primary grades and if they purchased it, would the district reimburse them? Dr. Kherat said the PTO would need to fund it. Dr. Kherat also mentioned Nick would need to talk to Ms. Tracey Donath and the Curriculum team about reimbursement.

Kellar PTO Tax Exempt expires 12/31/22. They need help with this. Haleemah checked with Dr. Ike and Dr. Ike says they’re under the umbrella for PPS to share the District Tax Exempt Number.

Trying to eliminate a Facebook Page? Harold B. Dawson Liberty Leadership had the same issue so they put a message out to follow them @ PTO Liberty Leadership along with a security question (when they had the school name change from Lindbergh to Liberty Leadership).