



# PTA

**Date of PTA Meeting:** January 16, 2019

**Location:** Vienna Community Center - Club Phoenix

**Attendees:**

Stacey Leimbach, Emily Korff, Debbie Gardner, Elizabeth Humen, Rene Newman, Aileen Miller, Cindy Weinberg, Jaeline Nahigian

Emily called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Deborah Gardner presented the minutes from the October 25, 2018, PTA meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Stacey Leimbach. Cindy Weinberg seconded, and the minutes were approved.

## **Principal's Report – Principal Azimi**

With the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter approaching, I would like to once again share three reminders to students and parents which I have shared before that can help students with closing out this quarter and preparing well for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:

1. **Academic Progress:** Be sure to check [StudentVUE](#) and [ParentVUE](#) to keep yourself up to speed with the teachers' gradebooks. Make sure that work is completed and turned in to the appropriate teacher. Pay attention to any outstanding assignments that still need to be finished. Be sure to be in compliance with the retake policy and late work policy.
2. **Backpacks:** Each student should open up his/her backpack. Take out those binders and notebooks. Find a home for those loose papers. Do pens/pencils/markers need to be replenished? Have teachers given permission to purge any papers? Any food in backpacks that need to be thrown away?
3. **Lockers:** Each student should open his/her locker. Is it organized and can items be found easily? Does anything need to be thrown out from lockers that is no longer needed? Also, do not forget about gym lockers. Students should bring home any unwashed physical education uniforms to be cleaned or utilize the towel service that we offer at school.

I also wanted to share that Madison, Oakton and Marshall are here this week for course information sessions during Eagle Time. Course selection sheets will not be handed out during these sessions, but rather through 8th grade science classes in order to facilitate the distribution of 1-1 academic advising information. This information is individualized for each student, and it should be considered a STARTING point for conversations. Course selection sheets are due back to science teachers and counselors will sit with each student to review course selections. It is early- we recognize that- we will work with students and families to adjust courses throughout the year.

Rising 7th grade activities begin in February 2019 followed by rising 8th grade activities in February 2019 and March 2019.

Our Thoreau website will continue to be updated with academic advising information.

2nd Semester: Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is the 1st day of the 2nd semester. Schedules will be available in SIS StudentVUE and ParentVUE beginning at 6AM on that date. All students will attend the same orientation room on January 28<sup>th</sup> that they attended on the 1st day of school back in August in order to receive a new copy of their schedule.

### **President's Report – Emily Korff**

- We are almost at our membership goals of \$8,000. Currently at \$7,300. Budget is on track for the year.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **- Dining for Dollars – Missy Dixon**

Our next Dining for Dollars will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at Outback on Maple Avenue

#### **- Rebates – Ishita Yameen**

Just a reminder of easy ways to earn money for our school!

- Please add Amazon Smiles (Henry D Thoreau Middle PTA)
- Register your Giant Card (Thoreau School ID: 02131)

#### **- Box Tops – Megan Pauley**

- Earned over \$40 in the fall – please continue to collect

#### **- Hospitality**

Thank you to all the families who contributed pie and cookie donations in November/December! They were very much appreciated by the entire Thoreau community (all employees/janitors/staff/bus drivers/etc at Thoreau)

### **New Business**

- Hospitality will be hosting a soup/salad event in the coming months

- It was brought to our attention that the sidewalk in front of the school has not been shoveled/plowed so children are walking in the street on Cedar Lane to get to school. We will let administration know so they can resolve this safety concern.

### **Adjourn PTA Meeting**

Emily adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

Following the meeting, there was a **Presentation and Discussion about Video Game Rage** by a Licensed Psychotherapist from Total Health Concepts & GameStop Employee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ January 18 – Students released 3 hours early
- ❖ January 21 – MLK, Jr Holiday – Student Holiday
- ❖ January 25 – Teacher Workday – Student Holiday
- ❖ January 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (schedules available on SIS at 6AM)
- ❖ February 4 – Student Holiday
- ❖ February 12 – Dining for Dollars – Outback on Maple Avenue
- ❖ February 18 – President’s Day - Student Holiday
- ❖ February 19 – Spelling Bee – 6:30-9:00pm – Thoreau Eagle Hall
- ❖ February 21 – PTA Meeting – 9:30am – Thoreau Library
- ❖ March 11 – Students released 3 hours early
- ❖ March 21 – Tentative PTA meeting – 9:30am – Thoreau Eagle Hall
- ❖ March 21 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Dinner – 6-8pm – Thoreau Cafeteria
- ❖ April 4 – Thoreau/Kilmer Crosstown Hoops
- ❖ April 5 – Student Holiday
- ❖ April 15-19 – Spring Break