

Cab Calloway PTSO Meeting

June 6, 2017 Rm. 201

Attendance: Linda Reagan, Susan Spillane, Leigh Ann Flickinger, Monica Gerard, Dean Murray, Jim Baker, Joanne Baker, Liz Reid, Brooke Balan, and Brandy Anderson

Meeting commenced at 6:36 p.m. with a guest speaker, Kelly Coffey, the newly appointed Delaware State Region 2 PTA chairperson who covers Red Clay. She had been the PTA President of HB DuPont Middle School.

Here is what goes along with becoming a PTA:

- Support, Questions Answered
- Tax and Audit Assistance
- Forms all done and ready to be used
- No cost to enter the Reflections Program for any student in any art discipline
- \$1,000 Mary Lou Anderson Art Grant which can be used to donate, as a PTA must fulfill its community reach service annually
- ESSA guidelines help
- Mandatory leadership trainings and leadership tools available
- \$4.25 of dues collected per person go to the state from which the state then gives a portion to national
- Must know the PTA National position on matters and cannot go against them
- Cannot be political
- PTA Cornerstones – Family Engagement & Every Child Counts
- Yearly conference or dinner
- One member of each school PTA must attend the two Board of Manager meetings in Bear, DE
- Bylaws must include what is on the PTA template on their website
- Bylaws must be renewed every 5 years
- Every PTA must be insured
- Must have a Legislative Rep who will attend school board meetings, state and local government meetings pertaining to PTAs and school, etc.

40% of Red Clay schools have a PTA instead of a PTO. We are considering whether or not to change. We can set the dues amount. Kelly, when at HB, charged the teachers \$5, and in return they could buy supplies for their classroom, submit a receipt and get up to \$50 back from the PTA. They were also eligible to request a \$500 grant. Different amounts were set for families which in turn would determine if they got some swag along with their membership.

With or without being a PTA, there are grants out there to be had like from New Castle County. We need to find out who the local Representative is and the due date for this grant.

After Prom: We will not be returning to the HAC, and we may not be having an After Prom. Perhaps a survey will go out to the next set of Seniors to see if they want One, and if PTSO will be in charge or a subset of parents who want to organize and pay for it.

Treasury : At this point and time, it appears that the PTSO ending balance will be between \$5,000 - \$5,600. We will need to have at least two big fundraisers next school year.

Here is what the co-Treasurers will be working on:

- An accountant to clean up the back taxes and get us on the right course
- New forms and better tracking
- No students allowed to use Square
- Financial goals for all income generating things that we do
- A Budget
- Brandy to be liaison with Admin to see what they would like from us and what we can afford to do

A date needs to be set for a PTSO Board Meeting over the summer as well as which night of the week we will meet the third week of each month at the school.

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.