

## Amberly PTA General Meeting

4/25/2017

Call to Order 9:20 a.m.

Today's meeting agenda was approved as well as the March meeting minutes

Today's Guest speaker was Becky Moon from West Middle School. The topic she spoke on was middle school prep for elementary students. She touched on Five Major Categories.

1. Life Skills-such as self-advocating, organization, responsibility for one's own school work, and practice asking for help.
2. Social skills-here she touched on parents discussing with their student how friendships may/sill change in this transition. Also, teaching your student how to choose friends wisely and how to handle conflict. Social Media is also to be discussed, rules, boundaries, and parent monitoring is important.
3. Academics-Learn how to use their free time (XTS a.k.a. Extended Time and Support) to work on homework and go to teachers for extra help. Parents expect homework, use the homework hotline to get assignments. They do not need a cell phone.
4. West Stuff-participation in school activities and extracurricular activities is encouraged. Students can start looking on the website now.
5. Parents- have your child practice a combination lock! Learn how to use Skyward and Homework Hotline, be proactive and contact teachers if there is a concern. Attend the middle school orientation on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Principal's Report

Mary let us know that MSTEP testing is underway and going great. The Geoscience and STEAM assemblies were a huge hit with students. The principal candidate/parent interaction night took place and parents did get to interact with both candidates. Mary also let us know that both candidates have previous experience in the position of principal. There was also a description of the Literacy Learning through the summer program. This is a program gets books in the hands of students who have limited access to books at their reading level. These students would be identified as MTSS, Title 1, ELL, and Special Education students currently receiving literacy intervention. The MTSS team is asking for \$1400.00 to purchase 2 books for the 125 at risk kids. The books would be mailed so there is cost of postage and envelope in that price. Amberly is giving \$700.00 towards this program. The PTA voted and is giving the remaining \$700.00 for this program.

### Old Business

Beauty and the Beast at the civic was a huge success!

### New Business

Treasurer's report was Given

Tiger Trek update- \$4,0000.00 of corporate sponsors to date and sign up genius to go out this week for parent volunteers on the day of the event

PTA still has several open positions for the 2017/2018 school year.

#### Upcoming events

May 4- Tiger Trek and YOPA dine out night

May 5-Half Day

May 8-12 Teacher Appreciation

May 23- PTA general meeting

May 23-Ice Cream social/Retirement Party

May 26 half day

May 29 no school Memorial Day

June 5-9 Book exchange

June 15-Last Day Half day

Meeting Adjourned 10:10 a.m.