

## **Council members' Observations from the Halloween Dance 2017**

### **From Gayle Holtzman**

- Stamp on hand once admission has been confirmed or paid. Do not recommend wrist bands due to waste factor. Student or adult volunteers needed to verify stamp for entry.
- Merge the "Cash on Line" list with the paid pizza purchase list. See if it can be done electronically. If not, it should be done manually. This way we are only working from one list.
- Three people at front desk during peaks time each with a merged list.
- Barricade access points to hallways (with fire code standards) ahead of dance.
- On Cash on Line forms, indicate 1-cash only so that guests do not come with debit/credit cards and indicate that 2- no bills higher than \$50 will be accepted.
- Signage around the school promoting dance.
- With garbage cans, also have recycle bins for empty water bottles and juice boxes.

### **From Natasha Francis-Parsotam:**

Attendance was great, and we raised approximately \$900-\$950 after all expenses.

Checking in families who have pre-ordered is something we need to work on, as we always have long lines. Having someone at the table, and another couple people triaging the line made a huge difference in clearing it – but this requires a lot of volunteers. Feedback on how we can improve the process is welcomed!

As much as we emphasize that events like dances and movie nights are not "drop off" events, this is still an issue. Parents leave their children behind at the dance unattended, OR are in attendance with their children and do not supervise them. I had parents complain to me that other children were opening the exterior gym door and generally running around out of control. This does make me weary about holding these events in the future as the last few that I have had experience with, this issue seems to be getting worse and it is truly becoming a safety issue.

### **From Dan Jacobs**

There was mention of printing off tickets and distributing them to the kids in their classrooms. Someone also said that we need more volunteers out, and if we can't meet a minimum threshold, then the event is cancelled. There's just too much for a handful of people to handle. At the very least, we probably need:

4 people at check in (two for people who pre-paid, two for people paying at the door)

2 people to make sure parents go right in with their kids, and stay there

2 people on 'exit' doors from the gym - the exterior one, and the one leaving to the main school lobby

2 people on snacks / drinks

1-2 people on games / prizes

I may be missing some items as I was tied up in the gym, but there should also be a floater or two to deal with any issues.

### **From Stephanie Ip:**

-Call Dance a "Family Dance" which supports the idea of parents staying with kids and not dropping them off.