

Quarton General PTA Meeting

March 13, 2019

- President: Annie Charters
- Past President: Michelle Schwab (not present)
- Vice President: Michelle Francis
- Treasurer: Katie Jardine (not present)
- Assistant Treasurer:
- Secretary: Natalie Deledda
- Social Chair: Erin Gottesman
- Legislative Liaison: Jennifer Ortwein (not present)
- Jill Ghiardi-Coignet - Principal
- Joël Ostrowski - CSO (not present)

Welcome

Presentation by Cathy McCann - Office of the Michigan Attorney General

- Video by Attorney General Dana Nessel
- OK 2 SAY Program
 - Open and honest communication is key
 - BE INVOLVED
 - Addictive powers lie within the electronic devices, be aware of usage
 - Social media apps are exploiting vulnerabilities
- Student Presentations
 - 5 age appropriate offerings
 - All focus on responsible online behavior and making good choices
 - All videos on website
 - Program summary available online
 - Grade K-3
 - 3 keeps
 - Keep information safe
 - Keep away from strangers
 - Keep telling parents about anything that makes me uncomfortable
 - Importance of being kind; difference between telling and tattling
 - Content matures with ages of presentations
 - Grade 4-5 presentation
 - Difference between mean, rude, and bullying
 - Children have a choice of how they react
 - 3 elements of bullying: person is doing it on purpose, doing it over and over again, and there is an imbalance of power
 - Children need to know the expectation of them if they are being bullied
 - Cyber bullying
 - Parents need to know warning signs
 - Prevention: teach kids empathy, teach kids difference between funny and cruel, make sure kids know you want them to talk to someone, block messaging, teach children the golden rule
 - What if your child is a target: notify the school, file complaints, use social networking resources, etc.
 - Video in the power of their words

- How you make others feel says more about you
 - Limiting amount of information being put on the internet
 - OK 2 Say
 - Middle school focus
 - Focus: suicide, self injury, digital footprint, threats, etc.
 - Choices made today effect the rest of your life
 - Video for kids to know how predators get to them
 - Create a code with an identified safe person
 - High School
 - Focus on OK 2 SAY program
 - Pay attention to what is going on around, report what is necessary
 - Taking a public stand do not have to be grand, small things can make positive impact as well
 - Access to reporting to OK 2 SAY: call, text, website, download free app
 - Children's Online Activities
 - Concrete Tools for Adults
 - 18000 reports have been made since the program launched
 - Police are notified immediately depending on report
 - Suicides have been averted
 - Not all reports are internet related, reports encompass all children safety
- Sexting
 - Crime involving nude pictures of anyone under age 18
 - Sextortion
- Predators
 - Gaming is a popular place
 - Attempts to build trust with child to gain information
 - Information is obtained from social media sites/profiles
 - Be aware of sex offender registry: www.mipsor.state.mi.us
- RETHINK is a tool to help prevent sending negative information
- School safety
 - Check and adjust privacy setting, location services, geotagging, etc
 - Don't download any apps without talking about them
 - Require passwords for in app purchases
 - Online safety contract

Principal's Report

- Conference sign up
- Report cards Tuesday
- Health and Wellness update
- Lots of Socks day 3/21, donations to GiGi's Playhouse
- Kindergarten registration
- School deep cleaning, many illnesses going around the school
- Bring doctors notes to excuse absences when illness present

- MSTEP grades 3-5 upcoming

Treasurer's Report

- no changes

2019-2020 PTA Slate Positions

- Online, please use sign up genius
- Volunteer of the Year nominations needed
- Quarton money for education - Toyology

Other Business

None

Important Dates

- 3/20 Conferences, Half Day
- 3/21 conferences, Half Day
- 3/26 Talent Show
- 4/1 - 4/5 Spring Break
- 4/11 4th Grade Instrumental Music Experience
- 4/17 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Concert
- 4/18 Half Day
- 4/19 No School (Good Friday)
- 5/15 Volunteer Breakfast for all Quarton volunteers