

September 4, 2023

8pm, Zoom

Agenda: Introduction and planning

Introductions:

PTO Board (Aileen, Danielle, Andrea, Kiersten, Rebecca)

Megan and Stephen Jackson (clubs)

Brand Handrich (principal)

DeDe Leach (teacher rep)

Randi Welborn (teacher rep)

Tara Fotenot (volunteer coordinator)

Teacher rep highlights:

-Goals for the PTO:

Reimbursement: the biggest question that teachers have. How much do they get; how they can be reimbursed.

Knowing the events well ahead of time. Teachers would like to attend them, so they can plan to attend and delegate fairly.

Extra field trip money from PTO.

For example, Kindergarten has trips in September and October, but nothing after that. So extra money would be nice for additional trips.

We are uncertain what the funding will be for field trips next year.

PTO has \$500 set aside for field trips

PTO is targeting attractions for field trip funding for next year

Communication with staff members as much as possible. Make sure that staff is able to access PTO newsletters/information. We will try and add staff to the newsletter listservs, too.

Should we have a "slush fund" (funding for teachers that are unexpected and can't get funded elsewhere); we do have some money labeled "uncategorized" (\$250)

Newsletter:

-We want to highlight transparency (what our funds are going towards, one ask, one volunteer, events calendar)

-We need to make sure it can be translated and it can be easily accessible for those who do not have access to stable internet

Volunteer Coordinator:

-Created document for volunteers who signed up for the PTO info at the beginning of the semester; spreadsheet for volunteers who might help out.

-Currently have 55 emails; a quarter responded to survey

-Send out emails that are targeted requests

-Now have a parent council rep; Tara will be our second one if no one else wants to

- Has been funneling volunteers as they come in.
- The two biggest things right now: attractions guide and soliciting for fundraising chair; carnival would be third

Clubs: Megan

Teachers are interested, but will they get paid? We need to figure out how much so they can see if they're interested. We need to figure out how funding would work with taxes. We can see how other schools do it and make sure that we are doing this legally.

The French Club did get back to Megan on pricing (\$112 for 8 weeks)

Do we have a list ready to go in the fall? Intro for the fall and bigger group of clubs in the spring.

Our budget for clubs is \$1200, thinking that it would mainly be for materials.

Need: to finalize how much we can pay teachers (clubs are generally 8 weeks, 1 hour; possibly 6-8 clubs happening)

Club size: 12-20; \$60/person

How can we advertise?

Scholarships?

Variety

List: balance of active with arts (STEM, soccer skills, dance, yoga, run, art)

Tuesdays: 2:30-3:30

Last year, we had a stipend for \$125 for 6 weeks. We definitely will cover all costs. Can we also offer a stipend (\$75)? We also need to budget for scholarships.

This would be \$75 as a stipend; in addition, we would cover all materials and costs.

Danielle: motioned

Andrea: second

All in favor

Back to school overview:

We will be back in building. This seems to be what parents want.

Childcare issues.

Parking.

30 minute format

Get Slide Decks ahead of time.

Create students to showcase their work.

Campaign for October: Feed the Bear Month

Half-sheet home for parents to hold on to

PTO agenda for Wednesday:

Introduction; budget; principal's message; dates

Google Meets for this time

Walk-a-thon: This is something we are considering this year. Mountain View did do it for the past 2 years. It was during the students' specials' time. Everyone's special for that day is the walk-a-thon. Since the time is staggered, parking shouldn't be an issue.

Attractions books incentives for teachers:

It is difficult for teachers to get the books back; it is more work for teachers

How can we frontload to the parents to return to the books?

Tell teachers to frontload on SeeSaw

Kids get a token when they return the book/form?

Push through social media to return, too

Kindergarten eating in the classroom: do you need parent volunteers to help with this?

*Seems pretty solid right now

October movie night dates:

Friday, 6th (k-2) and 13th (3-5)