

Fairview Elementary School PTO meeting
February 13, 2023

Members present: Shawn Gobert, Kelsey Pearson, Wege Crigler, Emmy Champion, Aaron Biggs, Kristin Varella, Glenda Murray, Sue Fratianni, Emma Ford, Maggie Olivo, Mary Wicker

Principal's update:

- Mr. Gobert spoke about the plan to add 3rd grade and 4th grade ALPS classes next school year. We want the transition to be smooth, open to new students while keeping the culture of Fairview intact. Some questions brought up: Will title 1 status remain? What will happen in the future in terms of class size, etc.?
- The transition will help to increase equity in the district. Mr. Gobert is Meeting with a small group of teachers, parents, and administrators, there was a desire to meet with the current Fairview community to share information and take questions. There will be an information meeting and tour for the public April 11th and a May 3rd meeting as well.
- Fairview will be affected in many ways. Siblings of ALPS students will be able to attend, as well as non-districted students wanting to attend because of the arts focus.
- Mr. Biggs expressed wanting to help with the transition of new families coming in and having some PTO representation.
- Ms. Olivo asked if there will be a meeting with current Fairview families to make sure their voices are included in the transition. Part of the smaller group meeting about this is working on a set of FAQ type information for community members. After discussion it was decided that the PTO will invite Fairview families to come to the next meeting, March 6th to discuss and ask questions.
- Logistical things are still up in the air, but will be addressed as more information is available.

President's update:

Looking forward to next year, we should review the current bylaws, and make changes as we need.

Administrative Cleanup:

- Ms. Olivo proposed starting a fresh email account for PTO as the existing Yahoo account is full of SPAM. Ms. Ford suggested starting a new Paypal account as well, in order to switch users.
- There was discussion about what the new email address should be. Most likely will be a gmail account.
- Ms. Olivo says she can add anyone to have access to the PTO website. We discussed this being a landing place for meeting minutes, and updates in general.
- As we continue to grow the PTO, we would like to make sure that all Fairview families know they are included.
- Mr. Biggs suggested we have a list of login and password information for our various accounts.
- Mr. Biggs wondered what we could do to get more parental support and input for the PTO. Ms. Champion mentioned sending a reminder to parents and families in student take home folders. Discussion ensued about needing to send out several types of notification.

PTO fund requests for teachers:

- Discussion about how teachers ask for funds from the PTO. Mr. Gobert said there is money leftover each year that teachers can request that is not tied to the PTO.
- Ms. Frattiani mentioned that we do not currently have a budget, and that perhaps we should create one going forward vs. allocating funds on a need basis.
- Mr. Biggs discussed working toward a vision and mission for the PTO in order to sell ourselves as an organization.

Garden Update:

- Beth Shalom donated \$7000 to the garden project, and we would like to have their singing group perform and sing with students for a garden dedication program. They could sing, we could say thank you as a PTO, plant greens in honor of Mr. Chamberlain. This could feed into future work on the garden project. Mr. Gobert suggested this be a separate event from the carnival if that happens. This would take place sometime in March or April. Ms. Olivo will email PTO members to pin down a date.

Current Events:

- Mr. Biggs will send out information on the Dine and Donate that took place at the Chocolate Moose.
- Ms. Varella mentioned a few options about skate night at Western Skateland. Nothing set as of right now.

Next Meeting March 6th