

PTO meeting 315 12/12/18

Members present: Ms Yadao, Ms McKenna, Ms Murphy, Ms Munns, Ms Vanecko, Laura Honda, Tracy Mayer, Julie Morely, Jenny Tianis, Elissa Glover, Marcia Shapiro, Monica Mazzaro.

Thanks to Tracy Mayer for taking minutes

Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. Ms Yadao made a motion to approve and Ms McKenna second all in favor no objections.

Deepak Bapu was able to attend his meeting but his summary report will be attached to the minutes and reviewed at the January meeting.

Annual fund was a huge success. Marcia thanked everyone who donated and reported with matching funds we are close to \$70,000.

Katrina Ramos (parent) submitted a summary of a school directory App called My School Anywhere. Marcia reviewed her report on the many elements of the app and the ability to find other parents/students, email by grade. It would assist room parents in communicating, etc. There is also space to tank donors or sell space to donors in the future. There was a motion to approve starting the MySchoolAnywhere app by Monica Mazzaro, seconded by Jenny Tianis and all approved, no objections. Mr Kennedy will be the contact on the school side and Marcia and Katrina will work on the PTO side. If any tech savvy parents want to volunteer, please contact Marcia.

We agreed to delay cancelling or not renewing constant contact until we can see if MySchoolAnytime has a newsletter function. If it doesn't we will keep both, the MySchoolAnytime app is to help families connect as its primary Function for us.

Marcia report that she and Jenny Tianis selected a new refrigerator and microwaves for the teachers lounge. The teachers thanked the PTO for the new appliances.

Laura Honda reported on the Spring Benefit, March 2, 2019

Big Raffle: resale letter are going home in Friday folders this week to allow students to sell tickets over the holidays. New this year, tickets are \$10 each, we will compete as grades vs classrooms, fun prizes will be announced when the actual tickets go home January 11th. New this year, raffle tickets can be purchased online. This year we will purchase a raffle drum.

Art projects have started.

Auction items are coming in.

Invitations go home January 11th

Teacher time planning will begin after the winter break.

We need globes to decorate, please contact Laura Jops or Laura Honda if you have a globe to loan us.

The parent letter that went home Friday was reviewed. It asks parents for donations to the auction (sports tickets, gift cards, something from an employer), parents to host sign up parties and ad information for our ad book.

#### Seasonal Gifts:

This year the PTO will give gift cards to 17 staff who support our school but may not always be thanked directly by parents. They include housekeeping, food service, engineering, PTO aides, kiss and go staff etc. Our budget includes this effort at the end of the year as well.

#### Coming Up:

Bingo night 1/17/19 chaired by Dawn Strauss. It will include split the pot (school administration to lead) Ms Vickie, Carole and Maria will lead the game. DC students will sell food. Dawn to get prizes and coordinate the event.

#### Open Forum:

There were questions about the upcoming walk a thon and Julie Morely shared some details. It is schedule for June 7th 2019. She is teaming up with Pete Tintera to get ad buys to perhaps advertise on our T-shirt's, it will be a STEAM walk so funds go toward supporting those subjects. Eva Chagdes is designing the logo for the T-shirt's. The goal is for every student to participate. Will ask Bob Vassavanont to assist with drone. Jenny Tianis is co chair, if you would like to volunteer to assist with this first ever walk a thon please reach out to either of them.

Laura Honda shared that we want our FB promotion to include pictures you may have of students completing art projects or participating in teacher time or anything related to the spring benefit . If you have any please send to Laura.

Next meeting January 9th at 630pm. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

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