**CS Board Meeting**

Tuesday 2/11/20 Location: CS library

Called to order at: 8:30pm

In attendance: Shy Walsh, Adam Howes, Beth Herlihy, Lori Zinner, Jen Behr

**Agenda:**

**Superintendent/School board meeting** – Feedback and Discussion – Principal Herlihy and others

Reviewed that attendance was low - look at choice of dates – this was just after musical and parents might be tired. Was the same night as Brown musical. Not clear if morning vs night caused the decreased attendance.

Action plan: Advertise more next year – eblasts. Notify room parents to remind people next year

**Playground maintenance** Julie Winsett, Shion Walsh

Discussed poor state of repair of the CS playground. Reviewed there was a broken board last week, and the wooden structure is cordoned off. Newton Parks and Rec was out to assess – unclear what status of repair is. If there are not plans to promptly repair, we should reach out to advocate to Newton parks and rec. Shy will ask Tomeika – she has contact there (maybe via Kerry). Could also try to advocate for this with a 311 message. Mobilize parents once we know what needs to be done.

We also reviewed the general poor status of the playground – Julie (and others) have been in touch with Parks & Rec. No plans to replace given the upcoming school Reno – presumptively a new playground will be a part of this, but not clear where it will be sited etc. Parks & Rec has declined to do any current maintenance. They gave Julie a contact for a wooden PG specialist – she stopped by to assess and felt it was not worth it to them to fix – we would not be happy with outcome/notice any major improvement, and would be pricey; she advised on restaining ourselves. Julie has done some research on appropriate stains. Lori and Jen were around a few years ago when PG was restained – maybe we can find someone who helped then, and might be able to give us some tips and insight on stains used etc. Discussed picking a weekend day in the spring, before school ends, and soliciting parent volunteers. Maybe at Newton Serves – 4/26 – probably needs a day to dry, so would need alternate for Monday recess. Would also needs signs in case community members use PG. Would be nice to do on Newton Serves, as we would have more volunteers, and city support etc.

Action plan: Will get update as to PG repair status and plan, and plan to mobilize to get this accomplished asap if not. Julie will reach out to Sue Johnston about adding this to Newton Serves agenda, and start to recruit parents. Julie will ask Kerry Prasad if she knows details of previous staining.

**Upcoming events** Shion Walsh, Lori Zinner and others

Game night: Amy Volk has sent blasts. Well-organized. Seems to be going along well.

Bulletin boards: Need to update outdoor bulletin board. Someone is assigned to this but just not updated yet. Shy will follow up on this. Abi Siegel does inside board – is currently Mary Poppins – she is working on next theme – will be half Game Night, half MCF.

MCF – Animal theme. March 28. Tareen Norveil and Orwin Wolf organizing.

Raffle – Lori Zinner and others working on this. Raffle now has 120-plus prizes. Some nice restaurant donations. Will buy ipad as this brings in tickets. Going well.

**Past events** Lori Zinner and others

Teacher lunch: Manny said went well. Sushi was great and popular. Too many salads.

Musical: Sold out Saturday. Not sure about Sunday. Should we bring back K-2 chorus? This is an equity issue with Ms. Gantoush teaching – she can’t teach outside of class time. It’s already a lot for parents who run it, would it be unmanageable if we make it bigger – we already have a shortage of adequate volunteers with the smaller size. What about kids who have aides and need additional support. Maybe see who will run the Musical next year and see their preference? It decreases parent volunteer pool by not having k-2. Do you bring in more parents by involving them earlier in their child’s education? Although if kids are interested, they will join, even if not able to until grade 3.

**Green Team Update** Julie Winsett

Parent green team continues to meet monthly. Upcoming first student green team meeting on 2/27 – led by Emily Restivo and Caroline Sloan. Julie sending eblasts to those classes, and will run in Update. Feedback of making sure we are not judgy and are inclusive – want to make this a positive experience for kids on the team as well as others who aren’t.

**Lost and Found**

We discussed that there continue to be a large amount of clothes unclaimed, despite organization and reminders. Should set a final date, and send parents a reminder that of x date, donating. Donate to charity? Clothes are taking up space, then kids go in and messup, and creates obstruction and hazard. Put clothing on fence at Springfest – could do this with latest accumulations after we cleanup. Maybe display at game night – this is last call then donate. Then if we get any more items, put those out at Springfest.

**Misc**

Omit “board” from PTO meeting. This makes it more inclusive! Some people have thought in the past that they are not invited – oops!!

Adjourned at 9:04pm