PTO meeting

June 2, 2021

Called to order 7:05pm

In attendance – Principal Herlihy, Lori Zinner, Barbara Mauger, Sue Johnston, Kerry Prasad, Steven Telio, Carolyn Virgilio, Liz Flaig, Jess Lourie, Sangeeta Jathar, Nick Jathar, Shion (Shy) Walsh, Julie Winsett, Joris Gjata, Rae Zakuta, Anne Dixon

Principal Herlihy

Thanked our PTO volunteers. Thanked Co-Ps including Barbara Mauger who is stepping down after 3 years, and has done so much for community.

Planning some end of year thanks

Ms. Woodhead had baby.

Starting DLA visits. Had DLA visits 2-4 yesterday, K-1 tomorrow. Kids come inside, do scavenger hunt. Invited to stay and play on PG. Had great turnout.

Musical update – Rachael Zakuta

Rehearsing and filming. Have 2 more afternoons. The editing is very time consuming and challenging. Kids were supposed to film at home, but was technically challenging. Have to film some makeups and still working on a few songs. Limited to 5th grade but was still very challenging technically. Probably will be ready after end of school year; draft before end. Working on recruiting volunteers for next year.

Past events recap

Fun Run – Sue Johnston

Went well with lots of positive feedback. Was easy fundraiser. Raised over $8000. Was great success, particularly given was first year. Mr. Crow was very helpful. Read incentives over loudspeaker, and allowed kids to participate and personalize. Plan to bring back next year.

Food trucks – Sue Johnston

Raised over $300. Was fun.

Can do this again next year.

Teacher breakfast – Sue Johnston

Reached out for help. Wegmans helped donate food – gave giftcard – which helped cover costs. This was particularly helpful, in that PTO funds were preserved for upcoming TA luncheon in June.

TA luncheon

Planning for June. Carolyn Virgilio has volunteered to organize. Tentatively plan for June 16 at 1pm. Will provide option for DLA teachers. Will make COVID safe with purell, and other good food-safe practices. Will provide gluten-free, vegetarian, and allergy options. Will provide signup genius for families to sign up to bring drinks, snacks etc.

MCF

Have some videos in. Working on how to distribute - ?google drive. Will try to put all the videos together. Maybe have kids watch at school.

4th grade art contest

Collecting artwork. Collecting from in-person and DLA kids too. Will extend deadline to Friday. Voting next week, then will announce winners on 6/14. Will have 5th graders make announcement at school.

Playdates

No playdates held last weekend given weather. Lori will create blast. Playdates are this weekend, grades 3-5 on Saturday, and grades K-2 on Sunday.

K meetups – incoming K on June 9, will encourage to stay after.

Discussed room parent reminders, but want room parents to focus on teacher gifts.

Teacher gifts

Room parents may need a reminder to message their class about the gift.

5th grade experience

Working on giftbags

Classgift – looking to give book giftsets; given plans for school reno, did not want to give physical gift, so wanted to give something that can be used for years. Have ordered special treat whoopie piesthat kids can eat while watching video. June 17, with rain date on June 21. Will send email looking for volunteers to help with seating and logistics. Discussed asking adults to mask, as there will be unvaccinated children present, for DLA comfort, and for safety of the community with the large group event.

Reviewed that last year’s 5th graders raised money via fundraising that they were not able to use, although in PTO account. Reviewed options. Will wait to hear more from the students. Will reach out to other PTOs. Then will revisit.

PTO Board positions

CoPs, treasurer, clerk, Jess, past Co, fundraising chair.

Can do via email, open email.

Room parent coordinator

SEPAC liaison - Jill ?

CAS – working on co-chair, with Karen Sive Jacobson

Volunteer appreciation event

Working on details. Maybe recognize 5th grade volunteers who are leaving, and then other volunteers in fall. Evolving guidelines.

Discussed fall picnic. Might make it a bigger event, given evolving guidelines and our ability to gather. Could think about bounce house, DJ, fancy food, etc. Food truck, ice cream truck. Maybe be cautious with bounce house so kids aren’t on top of each other. Could ask Mr. Crow for ideas – should ask him before the end of the year. Will ask CS DJ to help. Will form committee. Scheduled 9/14, rain date 9/21. “Fall Fest” style.

Question about crossing guard appreciation week. Mark and Mary.

Green Team harvest party

Adjourned 9:04