PTO meeting minutes

February 9, 2023

Called to order 7:04pm

In attendance – Beth Herlihy, Melissa Monokroussos, Chelsea Boynton, Sue Johnston, Julie Winsett

Zina Liss-Gomes, Jill Tucker, Janet Jackson, Shion (Shy) Walsh, Lori Zinner, Ken Zinner, Steve Lee

Principal’s update

Working on program for NewTV about school

Two budgets are being considered, depending on whether override passes. Either way will be budget cuts. Might have larger class sizes, reduction of services. There were questions about specifics of possible cuts. Literacy, math and SEL allocations might decrease. Asst principal position dependent on budget and enrollment. Losses will be felt at all levels with class sizes, loss of electives, etc, and at middle and HS levels too. Stand-out event planned for Wednesday.

NPS is interviewing for Superintendent, now 2 candidates. Will visit next week. Will be public interviews at night, likely next week, they will send communications. Principals will meet candidates to help find best match for our district.

Busy at CS now. Some staff out on leave, and faculty are stepping up to help fill in, going above and beyond to help out.

Having some temperature issues in the building which are being worked on.

Now have 19 classrooms. Might have to consolidate 1st grade to 3 classes if budget doesn’t pass.

Looking forward to break. Will work to re-establish community after break.

Mini-launch of SPARK. Have found smaller class sizes of 15-16 in 1st grade have been very beneficial; hope to maintain this for at least 1 more year, pending budget.

PTO Updates – Chelsea & Melissa

Family Escape Room with PuzzleBreak Newton
Space for up to 188 people. Will have 2 sessions. 12 slots are still available. Please pay if you registered. Will have popcorn and drinks for sale. Rented popcorn machine.

Parent Party – Chelsea & Melissa
March 31 Friday night – now called CS Speakeasy - 20s theme. Live music, with jazz music. Raise the paddle live auction, wine pull, free apps and drinks tickets. Invitations will go home after Feb break, and tickets will go on sale then too.

MCF – Sue
Planned for May 6. Most of leaders from last year returning, and some new leaders. Have 20-plus countries represented. Working on logistics and starting to plan.

Raffle
Donations collections underway. Asking parents if they have anything they want to donate, be it services, sports tickets, old gift cards etc. Also need additional volunteers, including people to pick up donations. Info is in Update.

BOKS
In the past, BOKS was a small fundraiser. But on further review, was intended to be a free program, open to all CS students. Have reviewed with John, will make free for all students. Cap at 40 students, in order of enrollment.

Abbreviated meeting followed by presentation about the override.

Next meeting:

3/8, location TBD