

Family Center PTO Meeting - Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Attendees: Lori Holtzman, Julie Stiles, Liz Florek, Shannon Davis, Betsy Sinclair, Heather Olson, Rebecca Tantillo, Anne Handley-Pierce, Kristin Remington, Stacey Siwak, Michelle Snyder, Anne Offner, Lisa Moore, Julie Gullickson, Lilly Scharff, Debbie Reilly, Alison Yee and Kami Waldman

Opening + Welcome (Lori Holtzman): Introductions

Adzick Field (Kristen Remington + Stacy Siwak): School district along with the city of Clayton have approved a plan to redo field #7 on the Clayton Highschool Campus. New lighting, dugouts and score board are all included in the renovation along with replacing the grass field with a synthetic turf. Request has been made for the Family Center PTO to pledge a contribution to help with costs of the renovation by Dec. 31, 2018 to allow for a community match from Centenne. Centenne has pledged to contribute up to \$600K if community is able to match the donation. Approximately, \$480K has already been collected by the community.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval (Betsy Sinclair): PTO donations/dues are below normal this year. \$2,100 has been collected, we received \$3,150 last year and have budgeted \$2,800 for this year. Email blast to be sent out about PTO dues, \$25/per family. Email to be sent to room parents to remind people about donations during closing circle. It will be important to have a successful Wine + Dreams event to help with the budget deficit. E Scripts should also be pushed to help with this as well. Currently, there will be a -\$250 projection for the year.

The budget was presented and approved for the school year.

Communications Report (Liz Florek): Website has been updated. The archive page will now contain all last years meeting notes and budget. The current year's information will be kept separate. Lori Holtzman to send note to room parents for PTO dues as well as an eblast for PTO dues.

Buzz Book (Anne Offner): Buzz book are in print and should be delivered to families the week of Oct. 1, 2018. Total order was for 150 books so there will be 8 extra if needed.

Outreach (Lilly Scharff + Alison Yee): Requested ideas for fall/winter project.

Ritner School Foody Pantry - They serve 900 families and are in need of money to help keep it open. They are able to feed a family of 4 for \$10 a week. They are hosting a trivia night fundraiser on Oct. 6.

Coat drive - Collect coats for donation

Helping Hand Me Downs - Collect used baby items for donation.

Diaper Drive - Collect diapers for donation

Art to Remember (Lori Holtzman for Amy Jennings): Class rooms are busy creating art for Art to Remember. Schedule/due dates have been sent to the teachers. Artwork needs to be completed by Oct. 4.

Teacher Appreciation (Julie Stiles): First snack day will be on Friday, September 28th. Next event will be serving dinner to teachers during parent teacher conferences. Email has been sent out to all room parents noting the dates for each classrooms food donation for snack days. A 5th snack day was added this year. Request that room parents to make announcement for K cup donations.

Fall Book Festival (Shannon Davis): Friday, Oct 26th and Barnes and Noble. Met with B+N to understand their revised contribution scale;

5% contribution for online purchases

Spend \$1,500 - 5% contribution from B+N

Spend \$1500-5000 - 10% contribution B+N

Spend \$5k or more - 15% contribution B+N

Last years number project that we are on the bubble between 10-15%

Important to note that there are 6 additional days for in store to add to the school's total

Ask room parents to collect money to buy books for the classroom wishlist. Script to be sent to room parents to help with correct communication. The wishlists from teachers need to be done by Oct. 10th.

Events at the book fair;

10 am story time, cookie decorating, scavenger hunt, Ruby face painting

5:30-8pm Buskers and Ms. Carol for singing.

Another book sale proposed for beginning of February.

I See Me is a multi-cultural book store that brings in books for purchase.

Possibly do a pizza night, maybe a Monday night to help promote book sale.

Wine and Dreams (Lori Holtzman for Katherine Hunter): No update

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Playground; New equipment has been installed along with new fence between nature trail and playground. Popsicles on the playground is set for Oct. 11 at 6pm. Families to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy popsicles after. The superintendent will also be speaking at the event. Debbie to send out evite to track number of families that will be in attendance. The event will be posted on the website. Need funding for the popsicles

Scholarship Funds Request (Debbie Reilly): Scholarship has been requested and requirements have been met. Family needing, \$2,237 assistance (1/2 of 4 morning tuition). Request was approved.

Closing (Lori Holtzman): Next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Discussion and vote for whether the family center will make a contribution to Adzick field at next meeting.

Flashlight walk is 5:30-6:30, Nov. 6, 2018