

Family Center PTO Meeting September 15, 2022

Attendees

- Deanna Palagallo (President)
- McKenzie Walter (Secretary)
- Haozheng Jiang (Treasurer)
- Stephanie Lee (Communications)
- Debbie Reilly (Director of Family Center)
- Julie Gulickson
- Michelle Snyder
- Jen Killoren
- Laura Sellbach
- Shamim Gusmirovic
- Betty Bayer
- Lauren Hamburg
- Dell Villa
- Jennifer Williams

Welcome (Deanna Palagallo)

- Introductions, welcome to new members
- Really great start to the year
- Thanks to teachers and Debbie
- Coffee meet & greet had great turnout, happy to have everyone together

Budget (Haozheng Jiang)

- Special events income expected to be higher this year as we get back to normal
- Deanna Palagallo made a motion to approve budget for this year. McKenzie Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Book Fair (Betty Bayer)

- Book fair will be in person and online this year
- Nov 4 - 6 in store
- Last year we got all the books teachers requested; Saturday was much better attended than Friday night
- Betty proposed potentially doing in person on Saturday and Sunday vs. Friday night
- Some thought one day might be better - others thought 2 days at different times would work better
- Dell Villa offered to co-chair book fair

Communications (Stephanie Lee)

- Got Instagram page up
- Emily Press Labels advertised right now
- Emails need approval 24-48 hours notice, full week even better
- Better to send all dates you want e-blasts out ahead of time

Outreach (Lauren Hamburg)

- Food & Essentials Drive September 19-23, district wide
- Bins will be set up outside of school for drop off
- List of items on flyer and all cash donations from a link

Teacher Appreciation (Deanna Palagallo)

- Deanna and Kathryn emailed for donations for first teacher work day - teachers loved it
- Staff started a staff favorites list
- Used donations to buy extra coffee
- Deanna would like to keep kitchen stocked every week to have snacks consistently
- First conference dinner Oct 17
- Would love to support a local business - a list of Clayton family-owned restaurants were given

Fundraising (Deanna Palagallo)

- Deweys night scheduled for Oct 10
- Carry out and dine in
- Deana would like PTO members to be at the restaurant
- All details will be on upcoming flyer
- Tell friends and family about event

Art to Remember (Amy Jennings)

- Will send announcement out soon
- Kids make art project and it is sold in different types of merchandise
- FC gets 20 percent back

Class Pictures (Deanna Palagallo and Jennifer Williams)

- Jennifer is a photographer and parent of a child at the family center
- She has offered to take class pictures this year

Nature Trail Flashlight Walk (Debbie Reilly)

- The Flashlight walk will return this year! Friday, Nov 11 from 5:30-6:30, it starts after dark
- Families walk on the nature trail and enjoy fire pits and smores
- Families pay \$30

Fundraising (Deanna Palagallo)

- Trying to come up with new fundraising ideas this year
- Deanna proposed moving fundraiser with Parkers Table to spring semester
- Other ideas given about community building-potentially hosting parties and meet and greets for classes

Directors Report (Debbie Reilly)

- Two new teachers this year
- Working on safety additions to school
 - Upper level entrance still under construction with safety glass
 - Will need drivers license to get in when completed
- Good start to year with everyone settling in
- Vehicle fair on Oct 15
- Small classroom gatherings this year so classes can get to know each other
- Excited to be back to normal feeling this year

New Business (Deanna Palagallo)

- Debbie has offered for FC families to use parking lot for homecoming parade on Oct 8

Closing (Deanna Palagallo)

- Volunteers always needed

- Next meeting Oct 26 @7:30 via zoom