

Family Center PTO Meeting October 13, 2021

Attendees

- Liz Florek (co-president)
- Alison Yee (co-president)
- McKenzie Walter (secretary)
- Anne Handley-Fierce (outreach)
- Shannon Davis (book fair & teacher appreciation)
- Debbie Reilly (Director of Family Center)
- Julie Gulickson
- Michelle Snyder
- Sandi Straetker
- Laura (PTO Council rep)

Welcome and Intros (Alison and Liz)

- Deweys last night raised \$450, double from last year
- All In Coalition - sponsoring 2 guest speakers on October 18th and October 26th
 - Flyer to be put on website and social media if up and running and e-blast

Clayton Education Foundation (Sandi Straetker)

- Founded in 2009 by Clayton alumni to pursue a mission of helping with fundraising and scholarships
- \$22,500 raised last year and split among elementary libraries
- \$30,000 last year to teachers in grants
- 250 alumni attended homecoming this year
- Partnering with PTO for food drive - \$500 donation
- Better schedule this year than last with COVID

PTO Council Food & Essentials Drive (Alison and Liz)

- Try to get contributions on a drop off day - October 25th - November 4th
- Asking for donations dropped off at school
- Last day will need someone at school in person to facilitate transporting donations
- Anne will coordinate with Stephanie for an e-blast
- Stephanie is planning on creating an Instagram account
- It was decided to focus on this project for this semester instead of adding another in December

Budget Update

- No budget update right now
- Will post when received

Teacher Appreciation (Shannon)

- Monday October 18th - Potbelly sandwiches, salads, soup

- All upcoming days are in January, February, March and May
- Stocking kitchen with nut-free snacks for early release day
- Teachers really appreciated the snacks

Playground Bench (Debbie Reilly)

- Approached by supervisor of Clayton Recreation
- Children very interested in playground being built
- Consulted on equipment
- Done at end of October, children will be invited to opening
- Clayton Community Foundation will sponsor a bench
- FC asked if we want to sponsor a bench for \$2,500 donation, get a plaque
- Did not budget for this year but funds could be there from previous funds for rec
- Will vote on this at next meeting
- Required to send out notice of voting one week before vote - monetary amount and where funds come from need to be announced in email

Directors Report (Debbie Reilly)

- Teachers thankful for Teacher Appreciation
- Updating curriculum to improve
- PAT hosted dance party on Zoom
- Interviewing and training new substitute teachers
- Preparing for construction on Gay Ave campus- nurses office and doors for safety updates
- Back to safety drills every month
- Several teachers have gotten booster shots
- Preparing for parent-teacher conferences - virtual and in person offered this year
- Stay Play & Learn could potentially return next semester - limited but will consult parents about it
- High school is hosting trunk or treat - masks and outside
 - October 29th, will send a flyer

New Business

- Nature Trail walk - nursing staff says it would have to be by class and no smores
 - Would have to be 2 nights, possibly too much of a commitment for teachers
- Book Fair dates
 - Betty's store opens next week
 - Discussed moving to December and possibly including Hanukkah
 - Betty will run ideas by Debbie at later date

Closing (Alison and Liz)

- Next meeting November 17th