

Family Center PTO Meeting October 26, 2022

Attendees

- Deanna Palagallo (President)
- McKenzie Walter (Secretary)
- Haozheng Jiang (Treasurer)
- Debbie Reilly (Director of Family Center)
- Julie Gulickson
- Michelle Snyder
- Betty Bayer
- Lauren Hamburg
- Jennifer Williams
- Liz Florek
- Brittany Robbins
- Tina Chen
- Ted Schnuck
- Biruk Chiksa

Welcome (Deanna Palagallo)

- Thanks for coming; a lot of new faces
- Introductions

Budget (Haozheng Jiang)

- Total contributions from parents-\$700 on snacks and coffee
- Need a board member to sign bank statements to review every charge to make sure they are legitimate
- Reimbursement forms and tax receipts discussed for future for donations

Book Fair (Betty Bayer)

- Book Fair scheduled for in person events Saturday Nov 5th and Sunday Nov 6th; people can shop the rest of the week(in store and online) and can also make a direct donation
- In good shape for planning, flyers and eblasts out
- Volunteer spots still open-one hour time slots for volunteers
- Will have hand painting, autumn story time, crafts, scavenger hunt and treat bags
- 20% goes back to the FC
- All books are in!

Communications (Stephanie Lee via Deanna)

- Reminder for lead time for eblasts - must give district notice for emails
 - 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)

- \$6,996.50 raised from Food & Essentials Drive
- Family Center families were very generous

Teacher Appreciation (Deanna Palagallo)

- Sauce on the Side for teachers conference dinner on Oct 17th
- Very well received by teachers
- Some teachers with allergies so will have to take into account for next time

- Winslows Table and Balkan Treat Box were suggested for future
- Deanna emailed Green Room Two and Three Morning for coffee funds for the last week of September
- Will email Orange Room on 12/7 regarding winter break treats for Dec 21st

Fundraising (Deanna Palagallo)

- Deweys night on Oct 10th went well and raised \$450
- Emily Press Labels has raised \$48.85 so far this year

Art to Remember (Amy Jennings)

- Order Forms due tomorrow - 10/27
- Last day for online orders is Friday 10/28, items will arrive mid-November

Class Pictures (Jennifer Williams)

- Some teachers think spring may work better for class pictures
- 18 sessions taken for pictures at Vehicle Fair

Spring Fundraising (Brittany and Tom Robbins)

- Brittany would like to get a better understanding of budget and will talk with Deanna to have ideas at next meeting

Nature Trail Flashlight Walk (Debbie Reilly)

- Friday Nov 11 from 5:30-6:30-starts after dark
- Fliers are out and teachers talked about it at conferences
- Always a fun event; bring own flashlights

Directors Report (Debbie Reilly)

- Really believe when teachers and parents work together, children win
- Full class events planned - one class went to zoo, some lunch / playgrounds
- Great turnout at Homecoming Parade and Vehicle Fair
- Parent Teacher Conferences were in person and virtual
- Kid Zone had a CPK event, not all families got their orders - working for next year to make changes and improve
- PAT events in person and virtual coming up
- Small group meeting in SPL room
- PTO has offered many great events for connections - Welcome Coffee, Dewey's
- Good to see involvement
- Professional learning - interactive panels purchased; HS room teachers have taken classes on how to use and will use in meetings
 - Not interested to up tech times in classrooms for children but could use for questions or looking up info about subjects they are interested in

New Business (Deanna Palagallo)

- PTO Council suggested adding a chair for International Family Liaison - would work with staff to integrate international families into the school and district as well as help with activities if needed
 - Haozheng expressed interest in this position-will connect with Deanna to learn more info
 - Debbie thinks this could be great and will talk with teachers and PAT to see if this fits

PTO Teacher Parking

- Deanna asked if the Teacher of the Year parking spot could be used as a fundraiser?
- Deanna and Brittany will brainstorm on that and circle back at next meeting

Closing (Deanna Palagallo)

- Next meeting Dec 7 @9:00am in person