

Family Center PTO Meeting Minutes: 1-20-2021

Attendees: Alison Yee, Liz Florek, Debbie Reilly, Michelle Snyder, Julie Gulickson, Amy Jennings, Betty Bayer, Shannon Davis, Allie Price, Anne Handley-Fierce

Welcome (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Anne Handley-Fierce has rejoined the PTO and would like to get involved with Outreach - The STL Diaper Bank or Oatmeal drive were suggested for partnerships. Anne will reach out to Operation Food Search to coordinate an Oatmeal Drive in the coming months. Debbie highlighted that the collection bins could be placed outside of school entrances but would need to be brought into school each evening for the duration of the event.

Scholarships: The Taylor Crawford Foundation will fund 10k for two years of early childhood scholarships. Debbie will check with Sandi Straeker to see who will hold the funds. Preference for the PTO to hold the funds (if possible).

Budget Update (Amy Jennings): \$41,892 balance in the account and all deposits have been made to date. \$4 earned from Lipic sales (Spiritwear). The proceeds from the Emily Press fundraiser should be coming soon, about \$80.

Art to Remember (Amy Jennings): ATR brought in \$19. This is a very significant decrease from years past but was likely due to the artwork being parent driven instead of done at school. We can revisit for the next school year.

Teacher Appreciation (Betty Bayer): Betty is planning a Dinner & a Movie basket for teachers and staff to enjoy. Families will provide gift cards (via signup genius) which will be added to popcorn baskets given to each staff member. Betty will distribute baskets before Presidents day weekend. Giftcards should be dropped off at Gay Ave during the week because the mailbox is not checked over the weekend.

Book Fair (Shannon Davis): All gift cards were dropped off to the Family Center prior to Winter Break. Total \$845 in Giftcards. Breakdown: proceeds from sales (\$515) and individual family donations to classrooms (\$330). Debbie will write a recap about the book fair for teachers to post on their blogs.

Spring Fundraiser (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Restaurant or retail partnership options discussed: California Pizza Kitchen; Kingside diner. Allie mentioned there are several families within the Clayton School District that own restaurants and she will reach out to them to see about interest in partnering (ie Three Kings; Baileys). Another option would be a partnership with Parker's Table for curbside pickup. Anne will contact Parker's table.

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Patty DeForest (Supervisor with City of Clayton Park & Rec) secured a grant for new playground equipment near the Highschool - the District owns the land by Adzick field with a small playground that is used by the Blue & Orange Rooms. The City could apply for it on behalf of the Family Center. Installation will begin June/July 2021. The design is geared for 2-6years of age. Return to in person learning in January has gone very well. The District is working to secure vaccines for all staff. Plans for Summer programs and planning for next year is currently under discussion. Dr. Fox has been named the new Superintendent.

New Business: None

Closing (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Next meeting Wednesday, February 17