

Family Center PTO Meeting Minutes: 10-21-2020

Attendees: Alison Yee(Co President), Liz Florek(Co President), Debbie Reilly, Jessica Graetz (PTO Council Representative), Michelle Snyder, Amy Jennings(Treasurer), Betty Bayer, Shannon Davis,

Welcome (Liz Florek & Alison Yee):

Food Drive - send eblast? can drop off at the admin building. or donate via PTO website button (tax deductible). benefits the community as a whole. 10/24.

Clayton School District - Director of Equity & Inclusion (Cameron Poole) Cameron started in August for the District and has been meeting with building administrators, staff and faculty. He's trying to get an understanding of how the district runs, specifically around culture E&I. The Family Center has a culturally inclusive curriculum, and responsiveness in their teaching. He wants to continue the discussion of Equity Race and Inclusion, at an early age with FC staff and provide resources, books, etc. Cameron's blog and twitter feed are available on the District page. Cameron is working to address what the needs are for staff across the district to try to cultivate an inclusive environment. He looked at FC books and made sure literature is representative of all families and shared articles with FC teachers. Shannon asked for a list of books that can be added to the Book Fair.

Open Positions (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Discussed ways to publicize open positions as well as whether or not to utilize Room Parents. Debbie suggested revisiting Room Parents in January. We will utilize blogs/teachers to get the information out instead; email teachers with important dates to remember.

Budget Update (Amy Jennings): Membership dues - \$1600, slightly ahead of budget. Still working on access for bank account. Staff Appreciation and PTO Dues are the only expenses thus far but have not yet been paid due to bank account issues.

Art to Remember (Amy Jennings): Nov 5 is the deadline. We will have teachers include ATR in their blogs. Amy will send the information to be disseminated.

Give Back Night @ Dewey's (Liz Florek): November 10, 4-9pm. Email Jessica the Flyer so she can post on PTO council.

Book Fair (Shannon Davis): Shannon will talk to owner of Novel Neighbor on 10/22. she will follow up after that call. Targeting early December for timeline of fundraiser. Eye See Me has not responded.

Emily Press Label Fundraiser (Alison Yee): 20% of all sales, we've raised \$80 to date. The fundraiser continues all year and we will continue to periodically promote. EP wants to payout distribution through paypal. Jessica Graetz suggested asking MaryJo.

Teacher Appreciation (Liz Florek & Alison Yee). Virtual relaxation/yoga class for teachers around conference time. Stephanie Lee will get back to Alison about a yoga teacher. Conferences are going to be virtual and teachers are not supposed to be eating together in person which is what we've always done in the past. Suggestions for future TA activities: Olive Oil tasting, Painting class, Cooking Conservatory virtual class;

Wreath/plant virtual class at Maypop. Discussed these options for fundraisers as well. Virtual trivia night. Virtual wine tasting with Parker's Table as fundraiser or for TA.

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Start of in person learning has been joyful for everyone - kids, teachers and parents. Everyone is figuring it out but happy! Most of the class time is spent outside when possible. They may explore the neighborhood for Halloween decorations. The FC will try to help connect families and PAT will schedule events for community building, ie biscuit and jam baking morning.

New Business: None

Closing (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Next meeting Wednesday, November 18