

Family Center PTO Meeting Minutes 4-14-2021

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

Welcome (Liz Florek & Alison Yee)

Teacher Appreciation (Betty Bayer & Shannon Davis): K cup donations have been coming in. May 2-7 teacher appreciation week. Charcu in the Lou has provided charcuterie cup options for a teacher treat during TA week. Cups are \$12/each. Debbie will provide dietary restrictions ahead of time to Shannon; final count needed a week before. Targeting Thursday, 5/6 for delivery to school. Virtual Trivia Night for teachers via Trivia Riot targeted for Friday May, 7th at 6:30pm (1hr team trivia); Zoom link will be provided. Debbie, Julie & Michelle will work to assign 8 teams of 5. Total cost for both charcuterie cups and trivia night will be covered by PTO budget.

Budget Update (Amy Jennings): \$300 came in this year but has not been entered yet into Quickbooks. Amy will reconcile. A Community Outreach expense was recognized in this year's budget instead of last school year because Amy was not personally reimbursed last year at the time.

WeStories (Debbie Reilly): Want to include parents and FC community to continue Equity learning that staff has been experiencing with the District this year. WeStories opportunity is available in connection with preschools in the community (Wash U, Samuel, Ethical Society). There are 1 or 2 night programs available. "What we should know about kids and bias" and a "processing conversation". The two-evening program consists of "What we should know about kids and bias" plus "Family and community practice to increase engagement and decrease bias". Debbie will follow-up with the PTO after she has some additional information from the group. PTO can cover the cost; event will be planned for Fall 2021-2022 school year.

PTO Recap (Debbie Reilly): PAT have practiced socially distant & masked visits with families as well as virtual visits. There have been more families who are in crisis or who are experiencing difficult times. Resources to address the following needs have been provided: food insecurity, mental health resources, special ed, medical professionals, and playground locations. As of March 2021, 130 families were enrolled in PAT; this is slightly lower than last year. There have been 400 PAT visits; 100 fewer visits than last year. Developmental and Social Emotional screenings of 70 kids have been completed. PAT has also held some virtual events this school year which is new: cooking classes, music, and a mothers group.

Outreach (Anne Handley-Fierce): Operation Food Search: Oatmeal Drive yielded 180lbs of Oatmeal and \$320 donated to Operation Backpack. Next year we can inquire about partnering with Police & Fire Departments to make the drive an even bigger success.

Spring Fundraiser (Anne Handley-Fierce): Anne is working with Parkers Table to

narrow down the event which will consist of a curbside pickup of a themed basket and potentially a short virtual wine tasting with a wine expert from Parker's Table (free). There will be themed baskets available at several price points; each will likely yield about a \$20 donation to the FC. In comparison, the past in person event was \$25/person. Anne will check on dates, targeting a Friday/Saturday pickup.

2021-2022 Open Positions (Liz Florek & Alison Yee)

Discussed open positions for next year's PTO Board. Liz & Alison will follow-up with individuals via email to assess their specific interest in positions.

Treasurer - Amy Jennings

Outreach - Anne Handley Fierce

Communications - Open

Secretary - Open

Book Fair, Art To Remember, Class Pictures, Fundraisers, Teacher Appreciation.

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Teachers created Fairy houses on the Nature Trail. Children have been really excited when discovering them. Inspirational rock garden will be installed at the entrance to the Nature Trail - teachers worked to create these on Monday.

New Business: None

Closing (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Next meeting will be the last for the school year: Wednesday, May 12th