

Family Center PTO Meeting Minutes 5-12-2021

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

Welcome (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Welcome to all for our final meeting of the year!

Budget Update & 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget (Alison Yee): Review of the Budget v. Actuals Report from May sent by Amy. Time to begin thinking about next year's budget and what we might need to adjust. Scholarships will be covered through the generous CEF grant. Should we consider different spending and fundraising for teacher appreciation? We will need to wait and see what kind of events we can hold next year. Debbie anticipates similar spending on nature education although the teachers will be doing work this summer. We did not use all of our nature education expenses this year. A full budget proposal will be created to review and vote at the first meeting in fall.

Teacher Appreciation Week Recap (Shannon Davis & Betty Bayer): Michelle, Julie, and Debbie extend thank you from the teachers. The charcuterie cups were adorable and fantastic and the trivia night was very fun. Event was simple to put together and Trivia Riot was great to work with. It might be possible to keep it as an event for next year or we might also consider doing the trivia for a fundraiser.

Parker's Table Spring Fundraiser (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): We have secured a date of 5/29 for our fundraiser with Parker's Table. They are putting together some themed baskets at various price points with a summer kick-off theme that people can buy online. 10% of sales from baskets will go back to the Family Center and 10% of sales for people who mention PTO on 5/29 will go back to us. We will need to start promoting and getting notice out. Word of mouth is helpful too if people are chatting at pick-up and drop-off. We can also ask the district to put it on their social media. We also secured a date for Dewey's Night for fall on 10/12/21.

2021-2022 PTO Board (Alison Yee & Liz Florek):

We have filled many of our open positions for next year and are hopeful to recruit more volunteers.

Co-presidents: Alison & Liz to stay in for final year

Treasurer: Amy Jennings

Communications: Stephanie Lee

Secretary: McKenzie Walter

Book Fair: Shannon Davis and Betty Bayer

Teacher Appreciation: Shannon Davis and Betty Bayer

Outreach: Anne Handley-Fierce

Event help/ additional volunteers: Meredith Nash, Christine Dill-- We will circle back with them in the Fall.

Consideration of Room Parents and if this is a useful role. Room parents can be a great way to get people in the pipeline for PTO. We will also need to look to the future for filling roles as experienced officers will be needed and many PTO-involved families will grow out of the Family Center but we have a great start for next year.

Next Year's Meeting Time/Dates (Alison Yee & Liz Florek): We used to do in-person morning meetings and then switched to evening zoom for this school year. Discussion preferences on time of day. One idea is to alternate morning and evening times. We will readdress time in the fall but will keep meetings on Wednesday

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Thank you for your valuable support of our community. The scholarship grant from Clayton Education Foundation is enormously beneficial. The CEF also awarded two teacher grants to FC teachers including one focused on multi-cultural learning materials. We had a wonderful safe and healthy year at the Family Center. Amazing things have happened and helped us reflect on some of the things we do and how we can improve. Small classes have been great and teachers have strong connections with students. Several staff are celebrating milestones including; Jamie G'Sell 10th year with the district, Susan Goldwasser 15 years with district, and Jann Fowler-Cornfeld (PAT) is retiring. Also, Emily Andes is getting married in a few weeks. Next year, we are still considering doing a WeStories program with several other area preschools. Some people have backed away out of concern that the target audience may be limited and we don't want to exclude anyone in our community. The group is following up with WeStories about how they navigate this. Determining what the meeting would look like and if maybe we want to have an invitation come from a consortium of preschools rather than just from the district. Debbie is still exploring this and will provide additional updates in the future.

New Business: None

Closing (Liz Florek & Alison Yee): Thank you for a great year and we will see you in the fall!