

Family Center PTO Meeting – Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Attendees: Lori Holtzman, Joe Miller, Betsy Sinclair, Alison Yee, Liz Florek, Michelle Snyder, Julie Gullickson, Shannon Davis, Anne Hadley-Fierce, and Lauren Hamburg

Opening + Welcome (Lori Holtzman): Introduction

School Board Update & Discussion (Joe Miller): Gave background on his children and how they moved away and came back to live in Clayton. Discussed the initiatives that the district is working on, and how he works with school districts & super intendants in his professional life, so he sees what strengths other school districts have, and how Clayton can improve. Clayton has been focused on the whole student/child. U City is ahead because they have a strong focus on social and emotional skills, not just about academics. There is an upcoming election in April, 2 spots available and 3 people running.

Treasurer Report (Betsy Sinclair): Where is the Art to Remember check? Lori is asking Amy or the Art to Remember contact about the check. There is a budget gap because we don't have those final numbers. We have 330 less than the projected budget, we are 140 less for the Flashlight Walk and we are up 210 from class pictures. Once we get the Art to Remember total, we will know exactly where are for the year, but she thinks we might actually be up. Michelle is going to talk to Catherine Katz about a spring nature trail fundraiser and what dates might work.

Communication Report (Liz Florek): Creating Save the Date for Wine & Dreams fund raiser and Eye See Me Book Fair. We are waiting for PayPal to get set up so that people can sign up for pizza for book fair.

Eye See Me Book Fair (Shannon Davis): Will need Thurman to set up tables in the multipurpose room and the big room. Eye See Me will come about an hour before start to set up. Shannon had talked to Eye See Me about an author reading a story every 30 minutes. Eye See Me can leave 2 turnstiles near Bridget for the two days following the event and people can purchase book then. Shannon needs to talk to them to get the rest of the details figured out.

Oatmeal Drive (Alison Yee): Drive will be Monday, Feb 11 to Friday, Feb 15th, dates are going to be confirmed with Operation Food Search. The flyer from last year needs to be updated. There will be a pajama day on Thursday and Friday of that week.

Wine and Dreams (Lori Holtzman for Katherine Hunter): 7-9pm on March 7th. We will do stock the cellar fundraiser, and discussed the possibility of other donations. We discussed the desire to change the name of the fundraiser. We are going to brainstorm other name possibilities.

Director's Report (Michelle Snyder for Debbie): Second semester projects – The Blue and Orange Room children, parents and teachers are working with freshmen students at CHS to think about tree houses. Also, staff members are continuing professional learning. We are closely examining children's work and considering, with colleagues, our close observation of children and way to stretch children's learning.