

Family Center PTO Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Attendees: Lori Holtzman, Julie Stiles, Alison Yee, Liz Florek, Michelle Snyder, Julie Gullickson, Shannon Davis, Debbie Reilly, Stacy Siwak (guest)

Opening + Welcome (Lori Holtzman): Introduction

School Board Updates (Stacy Siwak): School Board election is April 2nd. There are three candidates running for two open positions. Stacy provided her background and why she is running for a seat. She is a former educator and current Clayton School District Parent. She feels very strongly that it is important for the Board to include a member with a background in Education to provide perspective, especially since the Board approves the District's curriculum. Seats on the Board are for a 3 year term but there are no term limits. There are 7 Board seats which rotate openings plus Dr. Doherty.

Treasurer Report (Lori Holtzman for Betsy Sinclair): Nine people have paid for the pizza part from Eye See Me (\$225). Four people have paid for Sip, Savor & Support. The Art to Remember check has been located (from Bridget) but is not yet reflected in the budget.

Communication Report (Liz Florek): Save the date for Sip & Savor was sent out last month. A reminder email will be sent out two weeks ahead of event (3/7). A paper flyer will be created for Sip & Savor to distribute in cubbies. Liz will reach out to Kami Waldman for help creating the graphic.

Oatmeal Drive (Alison Yee): Agenda Item not discussed. Oatmeal Drive is currently happening.

Eye See Me Book Fair (Shannon Davis): Total Sales \$1,262.61. Family Center will receive 15% back as a credit of \$189 to purchase books thru Eye See Me. Sales for the event broken down by day: Wednesday night: \$853.92; Thursday: \$234.86; Friday: \$173.83. Having volunteer support on Thursday morning was very helpful for Bridget. Staff purchased books. The Eye See Me staff was very helpful & knowledgeable about the books. Maybe next year we can hold the event at the new Eye See Me location? Local authors were very dynamic and engaging. Key Takeaways: Condense the authors to 5:30 & 6pm and hold the event from 5-7pm.

Sip, Savor & Support (Lori Holtzman for Katherine Hunter): 7-9pm on March 7th. Reminder will be sent two weeks before the event (and maybe more). Liz will work on getting a flyer made to distribute in cubbies for additional publicity as well as posters to advertise. Aiming for 5 raffle prize ideas in addition to Stock the Cellar. Debbie will contribute Summer or Semester of SPL. Holt Electric. Will ask Room Parents to email class families about fundraiser contributions.

Teacher Appreciation (Julie Stiles): fourth Teacher Appreciation event was held last week. Upcoming events: dinner for Conferences; Early Release Day April 5th and Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Dinner for Conferences will be individual boxed dinners for efficiency and safety.

Prop E Canvassing (Lori Holtzman): Prop E is a request for tax increase - last increase was 16 years ago and was intended only to last for several years. The Budget has been managed very responsibly to allow it to last this long. The increase is needed for building maintenance and capital improvements for schools. Lori will be recruiting volunteers to help canvass for Prop E which is a tax levy ahead of April 2nd Election. Canvassing Dates are 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30 from 9am-1pm. Fifty Teams of 2 people are needed on each day. Additional details regarding the Headquarters and signup information will be coming soon. Children are welcome. Lori will email Room parents about volunteering.

Spring Nature Walk Event (Lori Holtzman): Date TBD but likely April. Michelle will follow-up with Catherine to determine date and event details.

Director's Report (Debbie Reilly): Debbie shared the edition of the Globe (Clayton High School publication) which highlighted two Family Center parents: Brooke Hartmann and Betsy Sinclair. Professional Development for FC staff has been ongoing, the early childhood team has been working with material by Deb Curtis "Really Seeing Children". Parents as Teachers has been looking at diversity at the Family Center and "Parenting without Borders". Sean Doherty will be coming to speak to the Family Center about "Profile of a Graduate" and the upcoming Tax Levy. Changes in PAT: Beth Shook is a new Parent Educator. The other opening due to retirements last year has not yet been filled. There have been 81 fewer PAT visits Year To Date than last year. Working to increase awareness of the program to keep it going and to keep funding from the state. There are two Clayton residents on the National Board of Parents as Teachers.

Closing (Lori Holtzman): There is no March PTO Meeting.