

Family Center PTO Meeting Minutes 12-07-2022

Attendees: Deanna Palagallo, Lauren Hamburg, Laura Seelbach, Liz Florek, Haozheng Jiang, Jennifer Williams, Brittany Robbins, Debbie Reilly, Michelle Snyder, Julie Gulickson

Budget Update

- Haozheng will make some changes to the report so it's more accurate for future treasurers on the Treasurer Report.
- Parent donation line will be amended to correct accounting.
- Restaurant partnership check from Dewey's has arrived.
- \$960 was brought in from the nature walk.
- Emily Press and ATR checks are expected at year end.
- There is an outstanding check from Conference Dinners in the amount of \$49 that has not yet been cashed by the vendor. Haozheng will follow up.
- We are considering transitioning to a new bank due to customer service issues and lack of technology available with the current bank. Haozheng is researching local bank options which include Simmons, Parkside, and Chase. Haozheng will report back in January.

Book fair

Sales at Betty's Books topped 3k and the Family Center received a donation of \$657.75. Most of this amount went towards purchasing remaining books from the classroom wishlists. There is a balance of \$128 which will be kept at Betty's Books to be used by the FC for additional future purchases.

Communications

Please continue to provide sufficient notice to Stephanie when requesting eblasts.

Outreach

The Oatmeal Drive will be held early in the Spring semester and will benefit Operation Food Search.

Teacher Appreciation

An email will be sent to the Orange Room Families for contributions towards purchasing treats before the Winter Break. Deanna will be ordering a combination of cupcakes and salty snacks for December 21st delivery.

Fundraising

- Art To Remember has brought in almost \$400. Orders can be placed on the website for the remainder of the school year. An email reminder will be sent out in the spring about this.
- Class pictures will be scheduled during the spring semester due to the weather, likely in the week or two prior to Spring Break. The photo session held during the Vehicle Fair had 21 families registered but people are still purchasing their photos so the dollar amount raised is still to be determined.

-There is significant interest in doing an in-person event at Parker's Table. Will be discussed at the January meeting.

Flashlight Walk:

It was a very successful event! 32 families participated. The event had been capped at 30 but there was so much interest a few additional families were included.

Director's Report:

Safety drills are being continued to meet MO State requirements, including: fire, intruder, and tornado drills. Staff all receive training ahead of time. Debbie and Kristen Retter attended an Early Childhood conference in-person where the topics of Staff Retention and Attraction was a focus and something that will be brought back to the school. Debbie and Kristen were interviewed about empowered learning for CHS Globe magazine. Debbie has announced her retirement at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. HR will be contacting the FC community to help with brainstorming for the next generation of FC leadership.

New Business

The International Family Liaison Role is intended to connect international families with the school and help them understand and engage in American school traditions. This role would be a point of contact to explain to our international families, help make them feel comfortable and welcome, and act as an extra line of communication. SPL might be a good connection as well. The PTO is looking for a person to fill this role - it will be an official PTO position. EL teachers would be a good resource to find what's already been created at the elementary schools.

Closing:

Next meeting January 18th