Central PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Call to order/Welcome: 6:30pm

Minutes: Approved October 2015 meeting minutes

Teachers Representative:

* Veterans Day Program is tomorrow, 11/11/15 at 1:45pm. Students are welcome to bring Veterans who are in their family for the show and reception. Families can start coming in at 1:30PM.
* Thursday is Fire Safety assembly in the gym.
* Report Cards go home on 11/18.
* Conferences on Thursday, 11/19 & Monday, 11/23.
* Spirit Day “Mad Scientist” is Friday, 11/20.

Officer’s Reports:

Co-Presidents- Heather Manning & Tracy Bohrer

* PTO letter went out apologizing for issues during the Halloween Party.
* Orange ruler as a possibility to replace Target.
* Veteran’s Day: Parents are invited to attend show.
* Good Shop was recommended as a possible fundraiser.

1st VP’s Committees/Membership- Aimee McNally & Jennie Royer

* Special collection notice to go out after Thanksgiving
* Room parents should let parents know about extra plates, cups, etc in Cultural Arts cabinet

Treasurer: Martha Curiel

* Innisbrook and Original works have closed. Innisbrook did not make its number.
* Halloween assembly was $400.
* FFN budget was amended.
* Donation to family of $443.00 from FFN.
* Roller skating party was under budget and well attended.
* Federal income tax return completed.
* Author visit was very well received.

2nd VP of Fundraising- John Ralph

* None

3rd VP- Anna Lee

* Teacher Lunch on Monday, 11/23 from 4-5PM.

Parlimentarian- Lynda Murphy

* Food drive in February w/ student council.
* Yearbook is looking for photos.

Committee Reports

* Science fair on 11/12: Can set up board at 5:30PM. Mr. Gatz reported that certain 5th graders will be selected to go to the Science Fair at Brookfield Zoo. There will be a place to recycle poster boards.
* Living Classroom: Tiffany Storandt & Jaclyn Miller had 3rd graders plant daffodils.
* Kids Care: Discussion of gift card distribution from Target & Toys R Us.
* Sock hop: Thursday, 12/10 from 6-7:30PM for 4th and 5th Graders only.
* Artist in Residence: Starting in January for grades 1-5. Students will pick a poem and create a water color to go with poem.
* Flying Carpet Club: Chair Aberdeen Ozga is looking for volunteers.
* Book fair: Book fair is starting on January 11th. Winter wonderland social is on 1/13.

Mr. Gatz announcements:

* Lockdown drill went well.
* Parents should have received the Title 1 notice. Money used for KITE kindergarten program & reading specialist. Also, new reading materials.

Open Forum w/ Mr. Gatz:

* Questions regarding traffic: Mr. Gatz reported that they have looked at many different traffic flow options; however, there are lack of appropriate options other than asking people to follow expectations of car line. Discussing of blocking off streets with cones and creating walking groups.
* Question regarding Full Day kindergarten: The roadblock to full day kindergarten is not enough space.
* Question regarding aftercare options for kindergartners: Lack of options for parents who need 5 day kindergartner enrichment.
* Question regarding space: Plan in place to review utilization of space.
* Question regarding softening curb: Plan in place to soften curb at the ends of crosswalks. Question regarding light at the end of Woodside and Kimbark. Mr. Gatz encouraged parents to go to the village regarding this issue.
* Question regarding current school climate: Staff very excited about working with Merryl Brownlow. Looking at different options for Math Core resources.
* Question regarding how to support students who are more “middle of the road”: Mr. Gatz discussed how the current 4th and 5th graders are at a current deficit due to late implementation of common core. There will be a new focus on pre-testing to help teachers recognize areas that need development. Parents encouraged to communicate with the teachers.
* Question regarding inclusion: Made progress towards more inclusionary practices. A lot more “push in”and opportunities to provide additional support.