CMS PTO Meeting

October 2, 2019

In Attendance:
Eva Gusdergsdottir, Alicia Tao, Stacey Profeta, Lovina Worick, Angie Sullivan, Jennifer Kasper, Holly Temple Mabry, Jennifer Leighton, Linda Lee, Pia Garneau, Dan Morgan, Wendy Moro, Cerry Rasmussen

Agenda:

1. Approval of September Meeting Notes
2. Serve-a-thon Debrief
3. New Budget
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Future PTO Meetings
6. Parent Events
7. Principal's Report
8. New Business

Meeting commenced: 8:44 am 10/2/2019

Approval of September Meeting Notes

- Motion made to approve September Meeting Notes – motion approved

Serve-a-thon update

- SAT review (numbers – participation)
- SAT proposal – let's help kids by offering ideas on how to fundraise. Wendy said, as a new family, SAT was confusing – esp. tying the fundraising in to the day of service. It was acknowledged that this has always been confusing. Something for the next SAT committee to consider.
- It was suggested to start a committee for SAT. Stacey Profeta offered that there was a group ready to take on SAT next year. Angie, Lovina, Pia and Amy will meet with this group for SAT hand-off.
- Recommendation made by Lovina to keep SAT more similar to what we did last year and making just small changes to the program since it's historically been so successful. The prize category we feel made the biggest -ve impact for this year is Bowling. The plan is to bring bowling back next year.

New Budget

- We had to make cuts to almost every category in the budget to account for the difference in budget proposal end of last year to actual monies received from SAT this year ($100,000 to $70,000)
- Habitat Maintenance was reduced ($8,000 to $6,000)
- School dances were reduced (district has said we are not allowed to do bounce-houses any longer)
- Created a separate Leadership line item (coming from Climate and Culture)

- Serve-a-thon prizes will be 50% of proposed budget ($6,000 instead of $12,000)
- Request made by member to increase Teacher Appreciation budget by $500. Denied due to lack of extra funds this year.
- Member brought up that budget numbers on some sections aren't adding up. We are reviewing to make sure all formulas are correct.
- MBOE, we didn't use any monies for this thus far but want to keep that line-item for next year. Dan said it helps to keep MBOE's category fluid because some years we've had a need.
- We do have reserves…but we aren't comfortable using reserves for current budget.
- Dan said that since we had a surplus of monies raised last year and we funded great things for teachers. This year, we raised substantially less and the teachers are aware.

Treasurer's Report
- Budget has been approved for 2019/2020

Future PTO Meetings
- Do we move the meeting day/time?
- What is the need? We've heard there are some folks who have a hard time with this meeting time.
- Board is agreeing that the meeting time, first and foremost, needs to be convenient to the current Executive Board.
- We will move the time to 8:30am.

Parent Events
- Cerry Rasmussen updating on the New Parent Event held in September. It went well and was appreciated by attendees.
- Two ideas for November and December
- Idea #1 "let's taco about it" – parent night
- Discussed the restrictions on having food on campus.
- Cerry requesting to do a new parent meeting on 11/6.
- Early December, Folktale Winery is agreeing to host new parent meeting. Everyone in agreement.

Principal's Report
- Serve-a-thon went well. Prizes have gone really well – pizzas and jamba juice went very smoothly.
- MBOE was a great success. Hastings was well received.
- Hamilton was great.
- Very busy first 8 weeks of school…but all is well.
- 3rd Annual Short Story Slam for 8th Graders - $100 for prizes
  approved

New Business
- By-Laws meeting date – will be done via email
- When will after school enrichment programs come out. It's being handled by someone new. Dan isn't sure when that will come out. Will check into this. If a parent has something to offer, suggested talking to Elaine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48am.

Next meeting: 11/6