

PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 6:30-8:00PM

Welcome and Co-Chairs Report - Angie and Melissa

Site Council Report – Shannon Tom

Update on PTO spending proposals

- Site Council decided to spend half of the excess funds (i.e. those that were not used for staffing costs), which was \$28,000
- There were 16 proposals received and they came from teachers, staff, and parents
- After reviewing the proposals, Site Council decided to allocate half of the \$28,000 for technology and the other half for various other proposals
 - Site Council will form a technology committee so that we can be strategic in purchases and get best pricing
 - Other major proposals funded include Amity International, which is a program in which students from French speaking countries, who are aspiring to become teachers, will come here and help in the school. They will be at the school for 7 hours per day. Students will need host families to provide room and board while they are here.
 - Summary of all proposals funded will be made available in the Site Council minutes
 - Other updates - We need to come up with a plan to replace uninterrupted teacher planning time when we have no school on Fridays. Site Council allocated funds for a "roaming sub" to replace this time for teachers.

Principal's Report – Morley Hegstrom

- Report cards have been challenging due to Synergy, everyone is just learning this program and it is expected to be easier next year
- Amity International:
 - Morley has an interview with program administrators this Friday in San Diego. Since very few French-speaking countries participate, the French students are usually young individuals that are not licensed teachers.
 - Amity interns would be used to provide some EA time in 4th and 5th grades.
- Technology: Charlemagne was the first school to receive a new COW ("computers on wheels") from the district.
- School choice tours going great! There will be another round next week.
- The principal search continues. Morley will provide a specific update as soon as it is available. More information about 2014-15 staffing should be available in March/April.

Committee Reports

- Canoe Island – 4th grade parent reps

- Proposed fundraising structure – Amy Samson proposed that we do not add any new fundraising, but instead just make it known that the cost of Canoe Island will be \$450-\$500 per student. Providing families with this information years in advance should help them plan for the trip. Canoe Island fundraisers include Mardi Gras food by 4th grade and Science fair food by 3rd grade. The proposal is to continue these fundraisers to support scholarships for kids who need it. The PTO supported this proposal.
- Some 4th grade parents suggested that there are some kids who are anxious about going on the trip. It was suggested that fifth graders to do a slide show for 4th graders to get them excited about the experience. The trip will also be featured in the yearbook this year.
- Mardi Gras – Stephanie Hand
 - Feb. 28 - one week from Friday! Stephanie sent information about class room baskets to all teachers.
 - We will need volunteers for set up and take down, baking (or buying) cakes for the cake walk, and Mardi Gras store.
 - In addition to the raffle baskets for student and families there will be staff appreciation baskets for staff with wine coffee lotions etc. And teachers/staff will participate in “staffle raffle” where kids can win the opportunity to participate in an activity with teachers.
 - Heather will have tickets available for any families who need them.
- Esprit de Corps - Gina Thompson
 - Classified Staff Appreciation – March 3-7
- Fundraising
 - Math Madness – grand total \$15,400, which is \$1,200 more than last year
 - Spring Creek Holiday Trees – still waiting to receive
 - Restaurant Fundraisers – discussed doing a pancake morning or Wild Duck in the spring
- Spring Auction – Friday, April 25th

Other updates

- CBOB – Jennifer Frei
 - Battles are here the week of March 10th the battle schedule is posted on the Charlemagne website as well as the teams and the battle rules, study documents as well
 - 4 teams will go to Lebanon for cross school battles on March 17th
 - Final Battles at Charlemagne will be March 20th. The top 4 Charlemagne teams will compete and a Charlemagne champion will be determined

- 104 kids participating in CBOB
- Jennifer is looking for a volunteer to meet with kids during lunch next week to discuss battle rules etc.

- Yearbook committee – Stephanie Hand
 - This year there will be extra space for the 5th grade. Each 5th grader will have a section to put things like... best memories of Charlemagne for example

- Treasurer's Report – no updates

Next PTO meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2014