

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 6:30-8:00PM

1. Welcome and Co-Chairs Report - Angie and Melissa

Upcoming events

- The Spring Auction will be the evening of Friday, April 25th, 2014 at the Vet's Club. There will be childcare available. Each class will be asked to contribute an experience and an item to the auction this year. PTO reps requested that the auction committee send ideas/examples of classroom experiences. The question of whether these auction items would replace Mardi Gras baskets was raised. Support for continuing the Mardi Gras baskets was voiced. PTO chairs will ask the auction and Mardi Gras committees to coordinate on classroom donations, so that parents and teachers are not overwhelmed with requests.
- Math Madness – kick-off is January 17. Mme. Shelli asked if committee could let teachers know when packets will need to be ready. It was also suggested that our tax id# be sent out with donation forms to facilitate tax deduction of donations. PTO chairs will coordinate with Math Madness committee.

2. Site Council Report – Angie Davis spoke (on behalf of Shannon Tom) about the process to fund new projects. Forms to request funds are available at the meeting and are available in the school office. Proposals are due Monday, January 13 and will be reviewed by Site Council on January 15. Morley will send out an e-mail with the proposal form.

3. Principal's Report – Morley Hegstrom

- Update on Amity International Program: Morley has been talking with a coordinator for the program about having Native French Speaking Participants at Charlemagne next school year. Also, Morley will be traveling to meet with the coordinators at their office. Application process begins in January.
- Mme. Dietrich and Mme. Shelli were the teacher representatives. Mme. Dietrich complimented parent involvement and spoke about the need for updated computers in classrooms. A discussion of technology needs at the school followed. Charlemagne should receive updated computers in the technology roll-out that is supposed to begin early 2014. The question of whether PTO funds should be used to improve technology was raised. Morley is willing to invite a representative from 4J IT to attend a future PTO Meeting and discuss potential technological improvements and related costs.
- The School Directory will be emailed out soon and printed copies will be available upon request in the office.

4. Treasurer's Report – Larisa Lilles

5. Committee Reports

- OBOB – Jennifer Frei spoke about the plans for CBOB (Charlemagne Battle of Books). Teachers and Jennifer are also sending out emails with information for families. Jennifer is working with 3rd grade teachers to coordinate formation of CBOB teams.

- Esprit de Corps - Gina Thompson - Thanksgiving fundraiser was a success and the Winter Warmth Drive is in full swing. Coats, hats, blankets, etc. will be delivered to First Place Family Shelter.
 - Canoe Island – 4th grade parent reps have an active committee in place with all position filled except the Scholarship (fundraising) Position. Canoe Island will be involved with food for Mardi Gras.
6. General Fundraising Discussion – PTO chairs asked for feedback about general attitude toward fundraising.
- There has been abuse of the VIP parking spots that were sold at the spring auction, which led to a discussion about carpool issues at Charlemagne. It was suggested that Morley send out a reminder of carpool and parking guidelines in January.

Next PTO meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2014