

Charlemagne French Immersion School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

School cafeteria

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

6:30-8:00PM

30 in attendance

Meeting called to order by Gina Thompson at 6:35 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Gina Thompson & Shannon Tom 5 minutes
gmt0204@gmail.com & greenietom@gmail.com

2. Safe Routes to School - Shane MacRhodes - Safe Routes School Coordinator
Shane unable to attend so this was postponed.

3. Committee Reports 6:35 - 7:15 35 minutes
 - A. Mardi Gras – Kathy Gregory for Ashley Talbott-Kautzman

Evening of February 5th. Ashley (coordinator) needs help. She will have a sign up genius for volunteers to sign up. This year we are not doing class baskets. (We ARE doing staffle-affle.) Need people to man booths, provide a cake for Cake Walk. PTO class reps will be contacting parents.

Tabitha Andrews – Food sales are done by 4th graders for scholarships for Canoe Island

 - B. Silent Auction – Kathy Gregory

To be held Friday, April 15th. There will be class packages to be auctioned off (same as last year.)

 - C. OBOB – Natalie Reeves
Feb 16-19, 8:40-11:20. Natalie gave a short description of OBOB. Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet in office or email Natalie Reeves (natlyj@gmail.com)

 - D Esprit de Corps– Julie Kim N/A

 - E. Restaurant of the Month – Char Heitman
Mucho Gusto - might be better to do in warmer weather.

F. Budget – Sabrina Parsons

Sabrina presented budget statement of activity. Net revenue so far \$14,051.08, compared to \$5,500 this time last year.

G. Friends of Trees – Kathy Lynn (Kathy.lynn.or@gmail.com)

We have raised \$625. District has agreed to support 8 trees on school grounds. There is potential to plant additional trees on Potter Street next year. Leftover money will be saved for next year for more trees. 4J mandates what we can plant based on maintenance - will allow Oregon White Oak. 4J has committed to watering and maintaining and will decide where they will be planted. Kathy to send out sign-up genius for tree-planting to be held January 29th from 10:00-12:00 for the 8 trees.

4. Food and Garden Revitalization – Kadri Jacobsen

30 minutes

Garden –

Principal Eric pointed out that the garden and using produce from garden in school cafeteria are two separate topics. He gave some background on garden: We took this year off due to our school move. Aurelie Sion (teacher) willing to be involved. Other teachers interested in using garden for teaching. Garden has to be sustainable – we are part of the School Garden Project.

School lunch –

Harlan Coats – Facilities Management was not able to make it to the meeting.

Toña Aguilar, Village School parent, was present at our meeting. She is heavily involved in the school lunch program at Village school. They have 216 students, 55% free/reduced lunch. When 4J cut charter schools from their service, parents and staff started their own lunch program. Mostly organic, a lot of locally grown, simplified meals (one entrée) - quality over quantity. 99% of staff eat lunch at the school. Staff eats with students. They are not losing money on it. She offered invitation for parents to come visit. Edison and Camas doing similar, within confines of 4J food service contract.

Charlemagne parent Kadri Jacobsen has been in contact with the 4J Food Service director who said we could do a “pilot.” Here we serve 40-70 lunches per day. This year we did modified local products and our number of sold lunches went down – but we need education to go with it (e.g. sampling, tasting) and/or free lunch the first week of implementation. Kadri will head up a small committee to work with 4J Food Service director, menus, etc. Road blocks – Federal and state guidelines, perhaps Food Service contract. Contact Kadri (Ktamm@hotmail.com) if you have interest in joining the committee or the school garden project, or have questions.

5. Site Council Update – Eric Anderson

5 minutes

At the previous Site Council meeting they discussed the school improvement plan. Survey coming out in next month for parent feedback. Book study being done also – Is Everyone Really Equal? on topic of social justice. Questions asked: For whom are we improving rigor, relevance and relationships? Eric to get data on why the students who dropped out of Charlemagne did so.

6. Principal's Report - French STAMP data – Eric Anderson

5 minutes

Eric presented STAMP results. Will hopefully be on Spring report cards. STAMP helps clarify if language schools are a worthwhile venture. STAMP based on language proficiency, not reading comprehension or math. STAMP helps us to see if we are on target compared to standards.

7. Wrap Up

5 minutes

Q & A:

Q: Parent: How much money do we have to raise to have PE and music all year?

Eric: District goal is to have both PE and Music all year. Individual schools can't really raise their own money for adding PE/Music.

Q: News on 3rd kindergarten?

Eric: Probably not next year – but in talks. We have to look at what it would mean for staffing and building capacity, and class size going into Roosevelt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next PTO Meeting February 16, 2016