

Charlemagne French Immersion School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

School cafeteria

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

6:30-8:00PM

Approximately 20 in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions – Gina Thompson & Shannon Tom 5 minutes
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2. Principal's Report – Eric Anderson 35 minutes

a. (Safe Routes to School with Shane MacRhodes was rescheduled due to family illness)

b. Professional Development – 2-Year Plan (2015-2017)

Last year school/staff adopted structural changes – e.g. school move, curriculum, ACTFL standards, math instruction, school hours change.

Next two years:

- Eric presented Charlemagne 2015-2017 Professional Development Plan ([see this link for details](#))
- Eric showed a document outlining the Friday topics/dates to be addressed over the next two years for Math/LA - Standards progression, curriculum mapping, learning targets and assessment.
- Eric's priorities:
 - #1 - Safe environment for kids
 - #2 – Focus on instructional leadership, spending Tuesdays and Thursdays in classrooms giving teachers feedback (low risk, zero stakes)

3. Teacher's Report – Robin Chappell 10 minutes

Asked that parents not get too attached to any particular aspect of what we are implementing because it may need adjustments. Some of the teachers might feel overwhelmed. Best way parents can support teachers is having predictable routines and embrace idea of French immersion. Commented that he has “never worked with a better group of people.”

4. Site Council Update – Lisa Ghandour hassanandlisa@yahoo.com 5 minutes

First meeting was focused on the role of site council, school improvement plan (based on Smarter Balanced testing,) raising Council's own awareness of issues of equality:

Who is our program serving well and who is it not, and why? What needs to shift to make sure we are supporting all of our students.

5. Committee Reports

20 minutes

A Budget/Stand for Children – Sabrina Parsons

PTO needs to decide what our fundraising goals are for this year. \$97K net raised last year, 140K year before. Big earners last year: Direct drive \$30k, Spring Auction \$29K, Jogathon \$15K, Math Madness \$15K.

B Read-a-Thon – Kathy Gregory for Julie Park

Moving along – kids were excited about book exchange and every kid got a book. Encouraged people to donate online to streamline process (See PTO E-news for links.) If you can help Julie next week to do tallies, etc, please contact her at [usjuliese@hotmail.com](mailto:usjuliese@hotmai.com)

C Book Fair – Natalie Reeves

Need lots of volunteers. To sign up to volunteer, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aead2ea02-scholastic>
School gets 50% of our net proceeds back in Scholastic “dollars” to spend on books.

D Poinsettia Fundraiser – Alice Webb (not present)

Ended 10/19.

E Friends of Trees – Kathy Lynn

Desire to plant some native species trees around campus for shade and aesthetics. Kathy presented options from Friends of Trees. Other options might be donations from nurseries. Kathy, Connie Van Flandern, others, will seek donation of trees from nurseries. For help with planting, some options might be Eric from Friends of Trees or Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners (Natalie Reeves.)

F Holiday Market – Stephanie Hand needs someone to sub for her on 12/4.

6. Q & A

15 minutes

Q: Do other schools have similar professional development process?

A: Usually a more piecemeal approach, less of a vision.

Q: What are student-led conferences?

A: Students show parents not only what they know but also how they came to know it.

Q: How do you assess who is being served well and who is not?

A: Many different assessments will be used.

Q: How did discussion with Superintendent Balderas go?

A: He observed every one of our classes and was very impressed. We (Eric and other immersion school principals) are advocating for lottery to be by grade level, expanding program in lower grades (3 classes in K, 1, 2) to set them up for reasonable class sizes in middle school, and pay bonus for immersion teachers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

NEXT PTO GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, November 16, 2015

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