

Charlemagne French Immersion School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

School Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

6:30-8:00PM

55 in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions – Gina Thompson & Shannon Tom 5 minutes
gmt0204@gmail.com & greenietom@gmail.com
2. Principal's Report – Eric Anderson 50 minutes
 - School Safety
 - Incident 9/8/15 - Eric gave his account of events that transpired regarding a trespasser on the playground during our Open House. Eric has discussed event with the school district and Eugene police and it has been determined that appropriate actions were taken in this situation.
 - Safety Week - Eric pointed out emergency procedure manual, and that staff (and students) are trained on how to respond to threats during school hours. Principals' group will have discussion about procedures during off-school hours (e.g. Mardi Gras.)
 - Other safety measures - Eric "sweeps" campus before school and at recess and ensures all gates are locked. Fence will be finished to completely close in playground. At recess there are now more supervising adults and they will have vests so they can be spotted quickly and easily. 4J risk manager, Randi Bowers-Payne, did a complete walk through of the school for safety. All doors except front are to be locked (except during drop off and pick up, when side door will also be unlocked.) Cameras may be installed to view front and side doors.
 - Safe routes to school - Eric is trying to get stop signs installed at key places, and Randi Bowers-Payne is also working to get crossing guard for morning. (It was noted that more kids are walking or biking to school now that we are in a more accessible location.)
 - Presentation – Carl Stubbs, Sergeant, Eugene Police Department (EPD,) Supervisor of EPD School Resource Team. Phone 541-682-8189
 - ALICE acronym: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.
 - School Resource Officers – Primary function is to build relationships between EPD and the kids in school and to keep schools safe. They also handle drug issues/illegal activity etc. They are usually a presence in high schools, not elementary schools, but all schools have an assigned officer. Charlemagne's school resource officer is Ryan Wolgamott (South Eugene High School.)

- Facilities Updates
 - Cameras, locked doors/gates (see above)
- Goals for the Year
 - Implementing new curricula and immersion model
 - Eric Meeting with Gustavo Balderas, our new superintendent, 9/23. Topics include program expansion and school choice process.

3. Teacher's Report – Ariel King 5 minutes

Teachers are adjusting to new building and new curricula.

4 Site Council Update – Melissa Gomsrud 5 minutes

Site Council typically meets the second Wednesday of each month. This year the first meeting is 9/30/15. These are open meetings - all are welcome. Goals for 2015-2016: Data dive – looking at OAKS and Smarter Balanced assessments and social justice (is everyone really equal?)

5. Committee Reports 15 minutes

A Read-a-Thon – Julie Park

Inaugural Read-a-Thon. Oct 1-25. Gently used book drop-off near school library by October 16. See PTO E-News for details.

B Poinsettia Fundraiser – Alice Webb

Order forms to go out 10/7 and due by mid-October. Johnson Bros. needs all orders in by 11/1. This year they are charging for delivery (\$75). Delivery will be 12/3 (same day as Holiday Market.) \$1400 profit last year.

C Book Fair – Natalie Reeves

Set for 11/4-11/10 to coincide with parent-teacher conferences. Natalie and Karol Herbert are co-chairs this year. This is a large fundraiser, specifically for library. School gets 50% of profit - last year it was more than eight thousand dollars. Will need lots of volunteers.

D Esprit de Corps – Julie Kim

Looking for co-chair(s.) It is not fundraising. Purpose is to strengthen our Charlemagne community and help us contribute to the Eugene community at large. Typically there is one activity/event per month.

E Canoe Island – Amanda Deedon

New this year – program manual so everyone knows exact roles, etc. Treasurer: Every kid who wanted to go was able to go. Current cost is \$450 for 4 nights. We have scholarships – but PTO doesn't have money allotted for

Canoe Island. We will likely start cohort fundraising efforts earlier - even kindergarten - so when kids get to fourth grade and have to pay, they will have the money.

F Budget/Stand for Children – Sabrina Parsons

Budget Update: We raised almost 100K dollars, which bought 2 FTE educational assistants, and 2 Amity Interns for this year. Fundraising is for help in the classroom due to class sizes and to ensure adequate French instruction, not for extras.

If something is needed for an event/activity, talk to Event committee chair and committee chair will come to Gina and Shannon. If not approved ahead of time we can't reimburse. We also need receipts.

For questions email Sabrina at Sabrinaparsons@gmail.com

Stand for Children – supporting Eugene Public Library levy to add services, including childhood reading classes in all of Eugene's public libraries. See details at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2048>

Of interest on Eugene Public Library website:
Mango languages and TumbleBook Library are online language learning platforms free through Eugene public library.

G Volunteer Coordinator - Kathy Gregory

Event chair people should contact her for help in getting the volunteers they need for their events. See Kathy for volunteer tags as well.

6. Q & A

10 minutes

Q - Has the Sex Offender Registry been reviewed to determine if there are any sex offenders living in the neighborhood?

A - Eric will find out from Risk Manager if Sex Offender Registry has been reviewed

Q - Could there be a text alert system such as UO has for parents if a threat were to transpire?

A - Eric will talk with 4J communications officer Kerry Delf about this. Parents can call Kerry at 541-790-7733 if they have further questions.

Q - Is math taught in English in kindergarten?

A – We are a partial immersion school, although our French hasn't always been at 50%. The greatly increased rigor of French once they get into middle school and associated attrition rate in middle school is a concern. Staff spent all year last year discussing and making decisions about Charlemagne's French instruction. With the advent of full day kindergarten we have opportunity to provide more than 50% French instruction in kindergarten. This is a big shift in our program. Over the next few years will be "building

into” the curriculum we purchased. We will have 60-70% of the day in French this year in kindergarten. Kindergarten math may be some in English and some in French – it will depend on concepts that are being taught and level of student. Second grade math will be mostly or all in French. Third and fourth grade math will be 50/50. Fifth grade math will be all in French but it will depend on the student’s level. Starting with the 2016-2017 school year, all fifth grade math instruction will be in 100% English, and social studies will be in French. Reasons for changes in math: Student need to be above standard math going into sixth grade in order to progress to the level of math needed for high school physics in IB program. Fifth grade teacher Adrienne Carlson is getting trained in math and Carrie Grabowski is working on getting a fifth grade social studies curriculum in French.

Q - What is the proper forum to discuss Common Core changes?

A - Eric offered to address Common Core at a PTO meeting and/or we can have district folks come in to discuss at a PTO meeting for parents who missed the Common Core events hosted by the district last year or have further questions.

Q - What is done on rainy days? Are there plans to have an area outside with a roof?

A - Dress kids appropriately for rainy weather. Unless it is pouring, they will be outside. At some point we may get a cover over picnic tables and bike racks.

Q - Parents getting out of their cars during kindergarten drop-off, causing jams. Also, in front of school at pick up, kids on sidewalk waiting in front of the school seem dangerously close to cars in pick-up circle.

A - Eric will observe the K-3 transitions and address any issues. Randi Bowers-Payne, Risk Management, is coming to Charlemagne in October during pick-up to view our current process and possibly provide a recommendation/proposal.

NEXT PTO GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:30-8:00pm

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