

- Sabrina provided an update on parent generated funds that are currently available for 2014-15 staffing. So far this year we have raised approximately \$40,000. We also have approximately \$29,000 that is being carried over from last year (raised during 2012-13). This carry forward amount is because last spring we set our fundraising goal based on the initial allocation of 9.3 FTE and ended up receiving 10.0 FTE. Because of this we ended up with a “surplus” of approximately \$58,000 that was raised in 2012-13 and was not needed for 2013-14 staffing. PTO and Site Council made the decision in the fall to save half of this amount for future staffing and to spend the other half in the current year. The \$29,000 that was spent was based on the proposal process in the fall and early winter. Major items funded in this process relate to classroom technology, the Amity International Intern Program, and curriculum enrichment (e.g. Artist in Residency, Meet the Masters).
- Fundraisers remaining this year include the Spring Auction, Direct Drive and Jog-a-thon. The direct drive will kick-off at the auction and then a letter will go to all parents the following week (week of April 21). The letter will include a fundraising goal for the rest of the year. The group decided to base the fundraising goal on an adjusted FTE from the district of 9.6 FTE rather than the initial allocation of 9.0 FTE and to strive to have 11.0 FTE (i.e. 2 classes for every grade level) for 2014-15. It was agreed that 9.6 FTE is reasonable assumption based on history and Morley’s and Sabrina’s understanding of the current year situation. It should be noted that Sabrina serves on the 4J budget committee. This goal would require a total of \$184,000 to be raised this year including \$154,000 for 1.4 FTE (\$110,000 x 1.4) and \$30,000 toward educational assistants (same as 2013-14). This leaves approximately \$115,000 left to fundraise through the auction, direct drive and jog-a-thon (\$184,000 - \$69,000 of currently available funds).
- Given the significantly reduced FTE allocation from the district, Sabrina and Morley strongly encouraged Charlemagne parents to attend the 4J Budget Committee meeting on Monday, April 28 from 6-7:30pm at the 4J offices. Important questions to ask include whether the 4J needs index makes any adjustment for Title I funds received by high need schools. If not, how would the student to total FTE ratios looks after adjusting for Title I funds? Also, whether there has been any consideration of including TAG kids in the needs index. It was agreed that we should designate a couple of parents to ask questions at the meeting on behalf of Charlemagne. Please e-mail Angie or Melissa if you are interested.
- Morley also encouraged Charlemagne parents to e-mail 4J Superintendent Shelley Berman with budget and other concerns. We will provide some guidance as to concerns you may to include in your e-mail in upcoming PTO eNews.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Spring Auction – Nicole Desch - Auction is coming together. Please encourage all Charlemagne families to attend. There are many great live auction packages and silent auction items to buy.

Direct Drive – Joanna Bartlett – Direct drive letter will go out next week. We will update the fundraising goal after we know how much money we raised at the auction. A separate letter will go out to 5th grade families.

Restaurant fundraiser – There will be a restaurant fundraiser in late May or early June. Wild Duck provides 20% of total check to the school. It was suggested that we check on 19th Street McMenamins because they may give higher percentage to the school. We will select whichever one gives more money to the school.

Kendall fundraiser – test drive a car at Kendall and earn money for Charlemagne. More details are provided in the PTO eNews.

Esprit de Corps - Gina Thompson – teacher appreciation week is May 5-9. PTO reps will receive detailed instructions on what they need to do by the end of next week.

Green Schools/Garden Club- Tabatha Andrews – garden is in good shape and they are working on a plan to serve fresh salad in the cafeteria again this year.

Yearbook committee – Stephanie Hand – photos from all school events are needed. Robin Chappell is going to set up Dropbox site to collect pictures, or you can give them to Stephanie Hand on a cd or thumb drive. Order forms will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Next PTO meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2014