

Sakai PTO Meeting - January 15th 2016

Attendees: Jim Corsetti, Beckey Anderson, Jen Solseng, Kylee Stanton Hicks, Michelle Byron, Libby Frei, Susan Wood, Colleen Bourgeois, Alicia Bye

Meeting called to order

BIPSS - Ian Foley and Margaret Powers at the meeting to review the upcoming vote. Discussed getting signs up and reviewed how PTO's can help. Please remain active and vocal with friends and on social media. The main thing is to get people to VOTE. Yes ballots need to go in the boxes. Reminder of previous failed campaign - and that the difference hinged upon just a few votes. The support exists - we just need to get the people to participate. Another open house takes place next week. Ballots arrive next weekend along with reminder cards from them. Social media is up, running and active. Please get your ballot in before the 5th of February!! Phone calls will be made the weekend after the 5th to those parents that have not yet voted. They are also requesting letters to the editor - contact information and links provided.

Approval of December Minutes - Motion to approve - Colleen, Kylee seconds - Approved

Treasurers Report - Felicia was absent today - report was delivered via email

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Book Fair in December was successful event. Net revenue is \$1,096.51 which can now be used as LIBRARY FUND for Cathy to spend as needed.
- PTO Outlet Event was also a huge success, netting \$361.23 after purchases of NEW product. We do owe Sakai for the existing inventory that we took over, and that amount will be worked out with Jim Corsetti at a later date.
- IN ADDITION to all the hard work and tremendous effort put in by KYLEE, SUSAN and the Student Council on the sale, SUSAN WOOD took the time to carefully inventory, re-organize and secure the PTO Outlet inventory, as well as all the remaining sweatshirts, while re-arranging the PTO area of the conference room. THANK YOU AGAIN SUSAN for going above and beyond!!
- Other income received included \$200 of M-A-T Matching funds which were already accounted for (see DONATIONS RECEIVABLE on the Balance Sheet) and deposits from the eScrip program.
- Calendar year 2015 tax receipts and 1099s are going in the mail next week.

Enrichment: Brief discussion of Bike to School Day - Mr Corsetti is having trouble contacting the people that usually do the safety assembly on BTS day. Scheduled for Friday May 20th. MLK (Melvin Clark JR is the speaker - 20th of January) and Living Voices are booked.

Volunteers: Kylee - Directories are at the printer. 150 were ordered and will be for sale in the office for \$10 each. Discussion of getting the directory out in a more timely fashion next year. Discussed the need for volunteers to help with salmon release. This will occur the week before Spring Break (March 24th - April 2nd) over the space of 5 days.....Charles and Dona Keating will be volunteers of the month.

Site Council/Math Coach: Alli spoke about the math coach program. 12 Volunteers are trained and being integrated into the classrooms. More training will take place this spring. Alli has solicited teacher feedback about the program. Teachers have requested training with “productive struggle”, but generally are very pleased. There may be more needs as standardized testing approaches. Volunteers are still welcome - it’s not too late.

Coderdojo - The first day went very well. 20 spots are filled: 18 children showed up yesterday. We can take 9 more children. Alli proposes reaching out more specifically to girls. Discussion of utilizing the library in addition. If the group expands, she will need more mentors. Expansion approved - \$45 approved for this purpose. Discussion of an evening meeting for parents to give a background/information setting regarding coding.

Arts and Humanities - Michelle Byron. Ongoing project of salmon getting put on the fence. Leaving Our Island day - March 2nd - They would like to have a few volunteers. Libby and Alli volunteered for this. Cherry Blossom Festival - This will be end of April/beginning of May but is “unscheduled” to encourage spontaneity - dependent on the cherry trees. Yearbook Cover Contest: 53 entries total. They are displayed in the hallway leading toward the lunch room. Voting will occur in class on the 20th in homeroom. They will try to incorporate all throughout the book. Discussion of pricing of yearbook: Price will be left the same, and PTO will make a small amount of money.

President’s Report: First - please consider if you will be willing to continue in your current PTO position and also think about any people that we could recruit going forward.
- Jen discussed stipends: Looking at the invoice, PTO is now paying close to \$16,000 to cover the costs for “intramural” (terminology is not really indicative of what this encompasses) stipends. Jim: years ago, he used to have funding to pay teachers for after school clubs. - they had many more offerings. When the district cut his funds, Jim drastically cut the offerings and asked PTO to fund these clubs. There has been discussion on the district level of funding after-school clubs, but that is not happening in the next year. Discussion of what form a spring fundraiser might look like. Discussion that it would be ideal for BSF to fund these programs, but for now we need to think about taking this on ourselves. This needs to be discussed at a future meeting so we can decide which of these we are going to fund.

Student Store - Susan Wood - Quick review of student store - It will be a small profit center next year.

Principals Report - Discussion of the impact that students who opted out of the SBA had on the school.

Meeting adjourned