

Sakai PTO September 8th, 2017

In Attendance: Jim Corsetti, Warren Read, Mitzi Haley, Lee Muir, Tracey Duncan, Tania Palla, Brenda James, Faith Watson, Dawanae Whittlesey, Regan Knoebel, Steph Rosentrater, Carrie Corns, Lisa Timmins, Deb Rudnick, Kathy McGowan, Siri Miller, Olivia Solomon, Nicole Leiker, Mairead Shutt, Alicia Bye

Welcome and introductions: Mitzi and Lee - Introductions around the room

Principal Update: Jim Corsetti - Welcome to all. Overview of staffing issues: At end of July, we had 503 enrolled students, and as of now we have 527 - a huge increase. And district-wide, we are also over the number of students that we had budgeted for. As a result of our numbers, we have a new 5th grade teacher: Jill Stokeness. Mr Shine is the new band teacher - He's moved here from Florida and has lots of experience. There have been a few glitches with scheduling changes and Skyward, and those are being worked through. Please bear with them and direct questions to the office.

Volunteering: Carrie Corns - Overview of volunteer approval process. The screening has to be completed online (takes ten minutes) and then your approval has to come through the district office before you are able to volunteer in the schools. If you are current, you might want to check to see when your authorization expires: You have to renew every two years. Carrie will be primarily using Sign-Up genius for getting people involved. Some immediate volunteer needs include Picture Day, a Chair for Maker's Space and Book Fair Co-Chair. General overview of events and opportunities throughout the year - refer to the list provided. Please contact Carrie with any questions.

Lee provided an overview of the Math-a-Thon. This fundraiser is responsible for 90% of the budget. Please keep this fundraiser in mind and consider donating your time to this effort. Lee will also need help with the "reward" party - assuming we meet the fundraising goal. Contact Lee if you have any interest in this.

Enrichment Overview: Kathy McGowan - Kathy gave an overview of the enrichment assemblies. Sakai really strives to enhance social consciousness. The Fall assembly is going to be linked to Stand Up For Kids (Kitsap nonprofit that benefits homeless youth). The winter assembly will be associated with a food drive and Helpline House. The early spring assembly will be reminiscent of Blakely's: Incorporating a shoe drive with social and environmental consciousness. Nike Re grind, Sole for Soul and Seattle Children's will be designated as recipients for the shoe drive. She is asking for outside input especially for MLK and Veterans' Day assemblies.

Bainbridge Schools Foundation - Mairead Shutt - BSF is a local nonprofit that raises funds for district-wide initiatives that support the schools. This year they are particularly funding education for teachers and staff regarding social/emotional health of children. This will be ongoing throughout the year. She also highlighted the STEM program and the support for struggling students. They also provide individual grants to schools and teachers. At Sakai, they partnered last year with a donor to enhance the playground equipment (a climber) - PTO also partnered with them on this project. If you would like to be involved with BSF, please take the opportunities to go to the sponsored coffees with Peter Bang Knudsen. They are also partnering with Raising Resilience to have a social/emotional wellness parent night in October. Also in October, recent graduates that are having an impact in the world will be coming back to give a presentation. Please visit their website and FB pages for more information. Their fundraising goal is one million dollars.

Future Meeting Plans and Parent Resources - Lee Muir - Future meetings will follow this format. There will also be some roundtable discussions regarding parenting and other topics. Next month the topic will be regarding how to strike a balance with technology. The PTO website will have topics listed.

Budget Proposal, 2017-18 - Lisa Timmins - Please refer to budget provided. Lisa reviewed the slight changes to the budget that we arrived at last spring: The largest change includes the cost for Reflex Math. There will have to be a few more adjustments as we go forward and as we see what the profit from the Math-a-Thon turns out to be. Just another note: If you incur expenses in a volunteer capacity, there will be expense reimbursement forms in the office. You will need to save your receipts.

Another note: Arts and Traditions asked for an additional \$500-\$700 to fund a Japanese Garden Specialist to take care of the garden and to update it. Funding is also needed to take care of the cherry trees.

We will post the amendments and vote next month.

At 4:31 PM, the following was proposed by Lisa Timmons:

Yes, I hereby make a motion that we open a savings account in conjunction with our checking account at Umpqua, in order to have the ability to do an unlimited number of deposits free of charge.

-Lisa

Alicia Bye Seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the board via email.