

Sakai PTO Meeting - November 3rd, 2017

Attendees: Mark Gurtler, Jim Corsetti, Mitzi Haley, Lee Muir, Samantha Everett, Brenda James, Faith Watson, Larry McGrail, Alicia Bye, Carrie Corns, Kathy McGowan, Carole Levine, Lisa Timmins, Nicole Leiker, Christine Perkins

Welcome and introductions: Mitzi called the meeting to order at 9:04 and we had brief introductions. Mitzi shared several thank you cards from the students regarding the Halloween party.

Math-a-thon Summary: Lee - the party was a resounding success. Bottom line is that net income after expenses is \$66,000. A large amount over our goal: Hence more money for teacher grants and a safety buffer for the budget next year. Lee is definitely looking for math-a-thon chairs for next year: Hopefully several people for the event itself and a few people to plan and implement the party. Please spread the word.

Volunteer: Carrie Corns - Looking for a few more volunteers for Sakai Reads - Six slots left. Carrie has the sign up sheets. If we don't fill the slots, we can use teachers, but it would be great not to have to burden them. We are also getting ready to start Book Fair recruiting - that will go out this weekend. There are also opportunities in the game room: We are trying to have a second person in the room every day - and looking for a list of subs that might be available. The Makers's Space room will also have some needs going forward - the ask for that will go out soon, and Mr Gurtler may serve as a direct contact for coordinating his needs. There was a brief discussion with Larry McGrail regarding the movement of the outdoor equipment for lunch time: He feels that in the spring it might be best to have two people to expedite this. There won't be much need for this in the next several months: We will start pursuing this in the spring.

Book Fair: Faith Watson - All is on track for the book fair. She has a fifth grade parent that is a co-chair with her. There was a discussion of the funds: The deposit will go to the bank. The money that is held over for the next day can go to the safe in the office overnight. The volunteer ask will go out this weekend. November 27th - December 1st. They will need some set up Monday morning and will need some help.

Principal's Report: Jim Corsetti - Jim expressed his appreciation for the work that is being done by the PTO - it's an exceptional effort being well carried out - and it's difficult to do all of these things in a two year school. "Thank You" - And we are appreciative of Jim's help and positivity:). There was some general discussion/explanation regarding what the Sakai Art Tour is and how this could be better explained to the community.

Arts and Traditions: Samantha Everett - 5th grade Art at Sakai Tour will be November 9th from 9-11:30 - This tour incorporates many pieces of art throughout the building and grounds. The Japanese Garden and the Sand Garden need work: Jose DeLuna has been hired to come in and get some of that maintenance done. This will probably need to be an ongoing budget item. The salmon release is on track. The Council needs an extra \$500 for the Leaving Our Island

Luncheon - first Wednesday in March. Lee motions that we approve the \$500, Kathryn seconds, all approve.

Enrichment Update: Kathy McGowan - The band concert was very well received. The Stand up for Kids campaign has launched: seeking gently used and new hats, coats, socks, gloves, toiletries, tissues, lip balm, etc. The students have done a good job taking the lead on this and promoting it. The drive ends on Thursday. Global Health Club at the high school is working with the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance League - recent immigrants on Kitsap have a need for dental care and they are working on collecting dental care supplies (tooth brushes, floss and paste). This drive is happening at the same time - there is a separate box for the the dental supplies located in the office. In the spring, the shoe recycling campaign will launch in coordination with the Salmon Release. If you have shoes in your closet that you are thinking of getting rid of, please keep them until then!

Maker Space Presentation: Mark Gurtler - Mark wanted to come and give an overview of the intentions and needs of the space. Makerspaces provide hands-on, creative ways for students to design, experiment and invent as they engage. Promoting the exploration of design thinking. He had some examples of other maker spaces. Right now, they have an art section, a construction area (legos, kinects, erector set), music work station(experiment with sound and audio production), and he has a goal of having an electronics section (electronic circuits, soldering, disassembly). They want to present a mixture of defined and free-form projects. They have many ideas for the design of the space and have accumulated a good amount of supplies. The goal is to start using the space in two weeks in room 203 open at lunch time and after school on Wednesdays. The collaborative opportunities within and outside the school has been fantastic. Volunteers will be critical to the success of this venture - No “knowledge” necessary - he needs people that will help kids inquire.

Budget Report: Lisa Timmons - Not much to add on top of Math-a-Thon report. The success of the fundraiser more than supports the approved budget.

Grants Approval: Nicole Leiker - Larry McGrail, Mitzi Haley, Lee Muir, Jim Corsetti, Nicole Leiker and Lisa Timmins sat in committee to review the grants requested and generated the list of approved and declined grants with reasoning.

Lee had requested that we fund half of the grant request from Ms Grant for storage shelves - The committee approved this request, so that is an additional \$2000 to the total grant funding on the initial list.

Rick Moore (Robotics club) submitted a grant request to BSF for entry fees for the a robotics competition. \$975 to enter three teams. BSF rejected this request, but the committee felt this was also something that should be supported by Sakai and has been added to our grants funded.

\$12,510 was the original amount budgeted.

\$12,476 - is the additional grant funding requested

Alicia motions to approve the additional \$12,476 needed. Faith seconds. All in favor.

\$24,986 - Is the total amount of money from PTO to fund grant requests from Sakai teachers and staff.

Lisa motions to approve funding for the grants in this amount.

Mitzi seconds the motion and all approve.

Coffee Maker: General - Was submitted as a grant, but does not have direct student impact. So a suggestion is made to fund this under teacher appreciation. \$300 is the total amount and will come out of that on that line item.

Yearbook: Carole Levine - Brief yearbook discussion: There is a large difference in cost of each book based the "quality" of the cover paper. We could get the book this year for \$7.50 less per book if we go with the cheaper cover. Discussion of if we keep the sales price at \$19 or reduce price since the cost is less. Decided to put the price at \$20 to recap some of the loss from last year. Also bearing in mind that we provided the directory at no cost this year.