

Sakai PTO February 2, 2018

In Attendance: Jim Corsetti, Mitzi Haley, Lee Muir, Lisa Timmins, Alicia Bye, Samantha Everett, Dawnae Whittlesey, Kathy McGowan

Principal Update: Jim Corsetti - Yesterday was the la Casa presentation for the Living Voices program. It was very successful and well received. February 15th is the next presentation - Within the Silence. There will be four different presentations throughout the day. The Food Drive is going wonderfully: Already 2400 items have been counted. The last day is the 14th, and food will be loaded and taken to Helpline House. Kids can sign up with Mr Kitley if they want to work at Safeway collecting donations. Salmon are doing well so far.

Current/Upcoming Events

Box tops - We just got a check for \$187. Terri Atkinson is going to make another request on the broadcast this morning - due the 9th.

Food Drive - On the 14th, we need volunteers to help load the truck in both the morning and the afternoon.

Leaving Our Island - This is happening for the 6th graders on March 1st. Carrie will need many volunteers for this - she is thinking maybe 50 - this is probably not a very realistic number. Jim has a different understanding of this and will look into it some. Lee and Mitzi will discuss this with Ms Grant.

Invite to Woodward - February 14th at 9:30am we are invited to the PTO meeting to visit them, meet the new PTO president and discuss needs for the new principal. Assistant super Aaron Murphy will be speaking about the search.

BISD curriculum committee: Seeking 1 community member and 1 teacher member. The meeting obligations are variable: Sometimes monthly, and sometimes less dependent upon requests for review. If you are interested in this opportunity, Lee can put you in touch with Sheryl Belt.

Board Members Returning: Mitzi, Samantha, Kathy and Alicia will be returning. Many other positions are pending. If you have interest, please contact Mitzi.

PTOCC Notes: Luke from the fire department reviewed the various lockdown trainings that have been going on. February 13th is an upcoming training for K-6th parents. Information will be forthcoming: This will probably be a very worthwhile meeting, and we would encourage everyone to attend. John from Educulture also spoke and went over the farming education programs. They would really like to expand this program from K-4 through K-12.

Treasurer Notes: Lisa - We got our first Box Tops check. We are starting to get payments for spirit wear and for yearbooks.

Enrichment Update: Kathy - Shoe recycling starts the week of March 16th. The storage space across the street (Bainbridge Self Storage) is generously letting us store the shoes during the drive. Kathy is still deciding how long the collection time will last: She is leaning toward letting it go on for a month: More information will be coming. The Multicultural Advisory Council's next salon night is March 12th: The focus will be on homelessness including a film and various officials from the community. It will be in the BI Library public room upstairs.

Spiritwear Sale - Mitzi - Sale continues through next Friday. If you write a check, you will save the 10% online payment fee. Checks need to be made out to Sakai PTO.

Arts/Traditions: Samantha –

The Arts and Traditions Budget provided by the PTO for 2017-18 will be used as follows:

-\$700 Replacement//upgrading of Sand Circle in Japanese Garden

-\$200 Art at Sakai Brochures

-\$100 Salmon on Cyclone fence

-\$500 maintenance of current projects

-\$200 bike to school day

-\$740 Japanese Garden and Cherry Tree maintenance

-\$500 Leaving our Island

The Japanese Gardens and Cherry trees will be tended by Gardener Jesus DeLuna this year and on an ongoing basis. A new Cherry Tree will be donated by Bainbridge Gardens to replace the one that has died. Jesus will present his invoices to Iris. Molly Greist will ask Jesus for a design and replacement plan for the Sand Circle.

Feb 16th Living voices will present “Within the Silence”

March 1st Leaving our Island Book discussion groups will meet. 6th grade Language Arts Teachers are organizing.

March 6th the Seattle Children's theater will present The Journal of Ben Uchida

March 7th Jo Vander Sloep will put together the Leaving our Island Panels for the discussions. 2 panelists will meet with each 6th grade team. Panelists may include Kay Sakai, John Sakai, Maryanne Sakai Arnone, Bill Nakao, Sherri and Derek Kitamoto as well as Authors Warren Read(Manzanar Orphanage Story) and David Patneau(Thin Wood Walls).

The PTO is sponsoring lunch for the panelists.

Salmon Release is March 26th – 30th, Berg Pond site is approved, Sage may sponsor a new Salmon Tank, Kris Hotchkiss is working with Tim Harris on wooden Salmon for the cyclone fence.

May 18th is Bike to school day. Planning meeting march 14th.

Cherry Blossom Festival Date TBD

Request from Ms. Atkinson: Lee- Ms. Atkinson would like the PTO to make popcorn at recess on Feb 16th and give it to the students as a reward for their outstanding efforts in the food drive. All approve this.

Request from Mr. Shine: Jim Corsetti- Mr. Shine requested additional funding for the Band department to cover School instrument repairs, Reeds, Sheet music, Clinicians, and new instruments. We requested more information and specific dollar amounts which Mr. Shine Provided via and e-mail. We received his specific request via e-mail on Feb 7th, voted and approved to via e-mail, unanimously to provide \$1000.00 in additional funding to the band program for this year.