

November 3, 2018 Sakai PTO Meeting

Attendees: Morgan Rohrbach, Alicia Bye, Tamzin Boyce, Jim Corsetti, Lai Niimi, Kathy McGowan, Larry McGrail, Smiley-Grace Kulesza, Lori Hungerford, Nicole Leiker, Michelle Block, Lisa Berg, Mitzi Haley

Welcome and Introductions: All participated

Approve Minutes: Will approve June, September and October via email vote

Mathathon Updates: Smiley - Our goal was \$48,000. \$73,000 was our total! There will be some fees that come out of our total, and there are still a few donations that have not been deposited. Our total should be around \$80,000. We will have a final number at our next meeting. Thanks to everyone involved.

Volunteer Update: Lori - Sakai reads is coming up next week - all slots are filled! November 26th-30th are the dates for the book fair - signup genius will go out in a week. Bingo Night has moved to November 30th from 6-8pm - we will also encourage people to bring donations for cold weather gear collection that night.

Enrichment : Trex Recycling starts Nov 15th and will run through April 15th. Information will be introduced in various ways: Magnets will go home with each student that specify acceptable items and a list will also go home. There will be some films made to run on the am broadcast. There will be a visual display in the front hall. There may also be a film night associated with the effort. Kathy would like us all to start saving now and engaging family and community to start saving materials. Nov/Dec collections will be limited to Sakai so we can get a sense of response. Packaging and weighing will happen here and then packages will be transferred to Safeway and T&C.

Cold weather gear collection goes from Nov. 26th - 30th. This drive focuses on kids without homes in Kitsap County. Any overflow items will go to Coffee Oasis. Items needed include hooded sweat shirts and jackets, gloves, socks, jackets, hats, chapstick and tissue. Kids sort the items.

Arts and Traditions:

Grants: Larry - The total ask including emergency fund items was \$30,329. Larry would ask for \$31,000 in case there is a little extra on some of the invoices. He moves that we approve allocation of \$31,000 for grants. Nicole seconds, all approve.

PTOCC Update:

After School Sports Club: Henry Gutterson has asked for our help scheduling his after school sports clubs - he's had trouble getting gym space because of priority system with Parks and Rec. Morgan reviewed his proposal which would involve PTO charging for the classes and reimbursing him for his time. Some concerns were discussed with equity, problems with paying him, scheduling and extra work. There will be some research done before the next meeting -

checking with PTOCC and clarifying some questions.

Budget: Nicole presented the current budget and balance sheet. Since fundraising is well over our budget and our expenses are accounted for, we need to have a discussion about how to proceed with the excess. In general: Nicole suggests increased funding for several line items. She also suggests increasing special grant funding to meet the demand and also doubling the amount for teacher grants. Extra Newzella charges should roll into special grants. Even with those increases, there will still be \$18,000 plus remaining.

Jim mentioned the wish list generated yearly by the Sakai Leadership Team as a source of needs/wants - he will follow up with the team and with Iris . He would also like to review what needs exist in the building before making a decision. There are many possibilities out there including a poster maker, a water fountain, etc. Jim will be ready with ideas at the next meeting.

Larry mentioned that teachers may have additional wants and needs that weren't covered by the special grants.

Nicole discussed the possibility of having a discretionary line item going forward for the excess money - for the use of the principal. This would offer a bit more flexibility going forward. Use of the discretionary funds would need board approval. She will adjust the budget to reflect this change.

Morgan motions that we double the amount for the teacher grants, Larry seconds, all approve.

PTOCC is asking for a \$300 contribution to help bring a speaker to the community - Dr. Hillman - in conjunction with BYS - "Hope in our Community". Two other PTO's have contributed already. Nicole motions to approve the \$300. Alicia seconds the motion. All approve.

HC update: Michelle Block and Kim Coistra came to speak to the group. Kim is our Sakai parent representative. Sakai HC is largely embedded learning/tiered assignments as opposed to pull out programs. HC content is delivered in the classroom - this allows all students to benefit from the tiered assignments - allowing everyone a way to grow.