

PAC Meeting Minutes/Notes – Thursday, October 11, 2018

Updates

First Aid/Disaster Preparedness:

- Jamie is waiting to hear back from the sales rep from 72 Hours in order to price out the options before making a decision

BIG SHOUT OUT:

- Big thanks to Leah for all of her hard work organizing the gym/stage area and the kitchen this past week! We are very grateful for her dedication and hard work!

Fall Festival:

- We raised over \$500 after expenses
- Received positive feedback overall, particularly in light of how little time there was to organize the event (huge shout out to Tracy!)
- Many visitors were folks from the community, rather than simply just the school community – saw about the event on Facebook
- Vendors also really enjoyed the experience and had positive feedback

Charity Status:

- The application for this is completed except for financials – Joanna and Leah will connect about this further

Fundraising

Apples:

- Completed forms are due on Wednesday, Oct 17th and will then be delivered the following week (likely the Thursday or Friday)
- Dollies would be beneficial for this and for the PAC to have in general → Ashley will look into getting a couple of heavy duty dollies

Hot Lunches:

- Running as a fundraiser this year so a bit more expensive
- Completed forms are due back on Tuesday, October 16th

Purdy's Chocolates:

- This fundraiser is ready to go after the apple fundraiser is completed – Leah and Gabrielle coordinating

Christmas Fair:

- Tracy coordinating this
- Pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa on Sunday, December 9th from 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - There will be a cost for admission/pancake breakfast upon entering
 - Mr. Dan has agreed to be Santa and we already have a Santa costume
 - Will also have crafts for kids available
- We will have artisan vendors
 - We are charging vendors \$20/table
 - Keri suggested we have some vendors in the gym and some in the library
 - If anybody knows of artisan vendors who may be interested in having a table, please connect with Tracy
- Eating pancakes can also take place in the gym and potentially have some tables in the courtyard for eating outside
 - Keri/Sandra to check whether we can have propane heaters in the courtyard, particularly if we are going to have tables for eating outside
- Tracy would like a general estimate of how many people will be coming → there will be a RSVP form sent home with all children to return with estimate of how many people they will be bringing to the event
- We will need to count number of people coming in (will have person doing admission use a counter)
- Pictures with Santa on the stage of the gym
 - This will be a separate cost for this
 - Jennifer may or may not be available on this date so if anybody knows of another photographer, please let Tracy know.

Grants

“Go Wild”:

- Joanna received an email from “Go Wild” School Program Grants inviting our school to apply for a \$500 grant specifically for a project to “help nature thrive in the community”
- Use for garden project? Tree planting?
- Grant is due October 29th – Joanna will connect with Keri about this to see if we have enough time to complete this
- They encourage student involvement in the application process and we brainstormed ideas of this (e.g., getting the kids to draw maps of what they want the space to look like, if it is an online application, perhaps we could put together a video of the kids as part of the application?)

Parking Lot

- This is currently an issue and will continue to be one as the school continues to expand
- Keri will speak with the city about:
 - 1. Getting appropriate signs for entering/exiting the parking lot and turn around – enter from 28th avenue, exit from the parking lot onto 184 street.

- 2. There are currently “no parking” signs along 28th avenue – can these be removed? Is it a problem for parents to park here?
- Keri and Joanna spoke about getting spray paint to mark individual parking spots and stencils to number spots (this will also indicate how many parking spots we have currently in that parking lot) → Ashley is able to get spray paint for this
- Some children are running ahead in the parking lot which has been dangerous - we discussed the possibility of having a designated walkway for kids to walk along (with parents)
- Chris will also be looking into this longterm of how/where we can expand as the school gets bigger
- KIN can park on 184 street (bus) and Jeannette to park in the staff parking lot
- Keri noted that many parents are coming later – encouraged parents to arrive earlier to get a spot and to minimize traffic all at once, close to the time of the bell
- Keri mentioned a fundraising idea of bidding for parking spots on a monthly basis? Some parents thought this was a good idea, others did not

Pro-D Day October 18th, 2018

Agenda:

- Keri and Cheryl will be attending a conference next year so they will be planning their talk for this during this time
- They will be discussing re-visioning of school grounds (e.g., looking at separate teaching spaces such as pergola, wetlands, separate garden area, etc)

Garden

Things to consider:

- Looking for ideas of places and for parent/family involvement with this
- Irrigation, ongoing maintenance that is sustainable (including over the summer months) with parent/family involvement (e.g., a family signs up for one week of the summer to ensure watering, weeding, etc)

Garden planning committee:

- Ashley, Jamie, Leah, and Keri – will meet together next **Wednesday, October 17th at 2:00pm** at the school – others who are interested are also welcome to join!

Outdoor Space:

- We will also need to consider a storage spot for all outdoor equipment (wood, tires, etc) that is not a fire hazard (i.e., away from the school building)

School Space

- As we continue to grow as a school, we will continue to envision space. For example, the music room will become a classroom, the library may move to the ADST room and the current library space could be used as a classroom
- Once we run out of classrooms, we would need to add portables

Ways parents can be involved in the school:

- Be a part of the garden planning committee (see above) – they will meet **Wednesday October 17th at 2:00pm**
- Parent volunteers are needed to help paint the backdrop of the stage white to update this and continue with cleaning out this space – speak with Leah if you are interested in helping with this

Next PAC Meeting: Thursday, November 8th 2018 @ 5:30pm