

PTA Exec Committee meeting 9.15.21

Attendees: Jessica Russo, Mike Pascale, Courtney May, Heather Tribbett, Sarah Smith, Danielle, Joan Ray, Dana Borda

1. Fun Run Update: Nilsa & Danielle
  - a. 234 registrants to date
  - b. Trophies, medals, T-shirts ordered
  - c. Volunteers needed (10ish + PE coaches)
    - i. Registration
    - ii. PE coaches will be there to grab places 1-3.
    - iii. Need a photo volunteer, Jess to connect Danielle with Heather.
    - iv. Starter w/ a megaphone
    - v. Someone to corral next group
  - d. Bibs still need to be printed
  - e. K/PreK, 1st/2nd, 3-5 will do a mile
  - f. Needs
    - i. 3 tables for registration (need access on AM of race)
    - ii. To consider making podium from milk crates
    - iii. Photo backdrop: both Joan & PE have green screens, will look into power options for speaker
    - iv. Joan requesting 2 custodians, confirming ant spray prior to event
2. Update on Fernware: Ginger Ann
  - a. Supply chain issues have made deliveries slow
3. Driftwood: Natasha & Gayle
  - a. New location will be Chestnut Ridge in NC, cost will be \$100/student
    - i. Team-building & STEAM activities
    - ii. Meals + lodging will be included
    - iii. 2 days right now, could do 3 if desired
  - b. Gayle working on interest survey
  - c. Current dates are 5/9-5/10
4. Clubs Update: Courtney & Sara
  - a. Parent volunteers to help build registration website/platform for consolidated signup next semester
    - i. Important that this includes a field for home-room teacher
  - b. Minimal questions from parents once registration completed
  - c. Parent offering possibility of coding club for next semester
  - d. Dana doing lots of communicating with teachers to help minimize transportation confusion
5. Room Parent Update: Heather Tribbett

- a. Only 2 remaining classes need room parents: Ms. McKenzie (5th), Ms. Brooks-Alt (K)
  - b. Planning a virtual orientation session
    - i. Lots of calendar/events questions, will work on short-term planning for now
  - c. Emphasize communication about inclusion of specials/partner educators during teacher appreciation week
  - d. Will align with national dates this year
  - e. Joan to bring up room parent wants/needs at Teacher Leadership Committee meeting 9/21
  - f. Busdriver appreciation week is in the fall - skipped last year b/c no busses were running
  - g. Teacher "favorites" surveys have been sent, Heather needs staff/partner/specials teachers info - Dana to distribute
6. Sustainability: Jess
7. Foundation: Doug (Joan)
- a. Every homeroom now has 2 air purifiers
  - b. Film at the Fern postponed until spring
  - c. Fund the Fern is ON
  - d. Auction at Trolley Barn in March
  - e. Spirit nights have been going well
  - f. Team working on community investors
  - g. Shade for the whole playground was going to be ~80K, looking at other options that will be closer to 30K. Also looking at shade options for amphitheater
  - h. Hoping to fund science teacher through fund the fern (at least part time)
  - i. Remediation needs
  - j. Art supplies have been approved for Ms. McAfferty
  - k. Specials schedule change due to loss of funding/teachers because of enrollment drop (855→768 now [680 last year])
    - i. Multi-tiered student support (Redemsky/Spillers teaming up for this)
    - ii. Ms. Briss/secondary music
    - iii. PE coaches are pulling double duty with MTSS/EIP
8. PAC Update: Jess
- a. PAC meeting late August
    - i. Surveillance testing is out of range for DCDS financially (other systems are using CARES Act funds, ours have been allocated elsewhere)
    - ii. Highschool still has not had HVAC update, planning for security vestibule installment instead
  - b. Candidates
    - i. Rod Egleston (incumbent)
    - ii. Steve Langdon (incumbent)

- iii. Khalia Williams
- iv. Allison Eber
- v. Jessica Lawrence
- vi. Paige Estep
- vii. Ms. Heda

9. School Admin Update: Joan

- a. Joan/Dana to put together Amazon WishList for kid's masks, other necessary supplies
- b. In-school COVID transmission has been low so far

10. Treasurer Report: Mike

- a. Budget on track, awaiting fun-run expenses but revenues look above expected