

PTO / Family Leadership Council Meeting Notes - Monday 11/2 - 6:00 pm

Agenda:

I. Call to order -- 6:06 P.M. Present: Maureen Hart, Mark Speno, Deb Schiller, Kelly Shifflette, Eric Libardoni, Liz Adams, Maureen Gallagher, Rebecca Stamulis, Dawn Grobe, Mandy Fray, Katelyn Barrows, Sharon Carlton Newton, Liz Dimick, Abi Healey, Dianne Clouet, Andrea Conkling

II. Principal's update and open discussion

- Changed arrival procedures for temp taking indoors starting today. Safety committee meets weekly on Tuesdays.
- Recent events to build community: Spooky story night, Winter Gear Exchange (counseling and health dept is making proactive calls to families to make offers), Trunk or Treat event, reiterating travel guidelines (yellow/red → quarantine, communicate to the staff)
- K team purchased "Oakies" to continue going outdoors, looking at addl. Grants for other grade levels with gear
- 11/6 and 11/9 → half days for parent conferences / teacher planning, 11/9 is teacher appreciation luncheon (Hazel will cater - staff will make options → utilize the whole campus to enjoy lunch "together"). Opportunity to feel like we are connected.
- Remote survey to remote only families last Friday → results due on Tuesday. Goal is to be proactive to get info from families: how is it going, how will that impact semester change (use data to plan for any changes in new semester).
- Budget development timeframe is coming up → solicit ideas from staff and PTO to gain ideas for next year. First draft in December.
- Staying connected: School sing → weekly. Staff in regular weekly communication (this week is full staff meeting). Every other Weds is remote school meeting and team meeting and planning time.
- Kudos: CNS donated candy for Trunk of Treat (thanks Eric and Stephanie Libardoni!). Health/counseling helping with coat exchange and trunk or treat.

Discussion: appreciation for support for responding to needs "normalcy", nice extension of our community with Dummerston and Oak Grove kids involved as well, nice intergenerational mixing of olders and youngsters at Trunk or Treat, space in the back of the campus looks great → will eventually be garden spaces.

III. Green Street School Musical and Tulip Trot videos

- How do we keep traditions alive?
 - Musical → Cabaret? (record from musicals in front of green screen in library?) "Tulip Trot → 5k Cabaret" Tulip trot is missing. Choose songs that go with this. Salvage as "community involvement event" -- opportunity for local businesses to buy ads / families get names in ending credits? - 30 minutes-ish. Sounds great and creative! Might it be possible to be outside with precautions? (in addition to??) maybe see where we are with COVID at that point? Plan for video, add something in if we can?

- Mo will email us to see if we can join a committee to discuss nuts and bolts and the potential fundraising ideas.

IV. Diversity/Equity Committee update

- Shannon, Tracy and Molly put together a pride parade in mid-October. Amazing to see the students take such ownership and planning, and to demonstrate their voice and ability to make a difference. Kudos to teachers who came on a Saturday to support and help organize (Tracy, Shannon, Molly)
- Question: has big kid buddy program continued in any way? Can have a big support in helping young kids feel part of the community and empowered.
- Every 4-6 weeks the Diversity Equity committee will be offering PD and connection opportunities for staff.

V. Support – How can the leadership council support our teachers and students!

- PTO contribute toward luncheon? 11/9 - Hazel is contributing the meal for 60 and will be delivering to school for us. PTO → gratuity? Make dessert to go w/ the meal? Nurse Julia says it is okay to have homemade baked goods shared. Individually wrapped. Maureen will send out a sign up genius.
- Publicize Hazel's generosity in the GSS Newsletter?
- Other: notes, banner, signs → goes a long way.
- Shout out board on website or newsletter → kids send in to Mo and it gets included on FB or website or newsletter? Third page of "gratitudes" or "student voices"?

***Brattleboro Outing Club interested in offering facility/gear to students. Need volunteer to brainstorm with Linda.**

- Anyone want to talk w/ Linda about purchasing / subsidizing memberships, weekend option, etc.
- Skating rink opening? As of now, yes → end of November.
- Parent group create a list of winter activities that could be done COVID-safe that could be distributed to families (they could do on their own?)
- Any option for subsidy to families who sign up to do on their own time? Does this serve all the kids?
- Think about "field trips" for older kids? Would teachers be interested in this idea?

