

Final PTO Meeting of the Year

May 15, 2017

Present: Darcy Fan, Julie Chang, Karen Gall, Shannon Collier, Persia Houston, Karen Goubleman, Shirley Chacon, Jennifer Saal, Jamie Baker, Jennifer Dingman

School Staff Present: John Riggs, Loli Hudson, Barb Miller

Principal's Report:

- Manhattan construction update
- Concerns discussed about superintendent firing and now open position, BVSD will hire a long term tentative super. until permanent new superintendent hired
- Ideal timing of 8th grade bowling party simultaneously held during Tall Ships and Santa Fe- everyone felt a part of something
- New LA teacher hired- a former MMS student teacher (Gwen Golaczewski)
- Science/Math (Mark Wright) teacher re-hired

Treasurer's Report- see attached

- Karen Gall agreed to continue in this position
- Surplus MP (\$4,000) handed over to school
- Suggestion for surplus
 - Club seed money
 - Snack shack for track
 - Extra money for after renovation needs, i.e. Decorations
 - Front building beautification
 - ILC class would like to purchase recycling bin (\$2,000)
- **PTO voted to finalize a decision next academic year**

Secretary- Co-chairs agreed to rotate taking meeting notes

Discussed need for PTO volunteers

Julie Chang has organized and updated PTO google account. All PTO responsibilities and events are clearly outlined so it should be easy for new people to takeover the various positions.

Fundraising

Magic Phoenix:

- Darcy agreed to co-chair, Karen Gall will help w/ money, need another co-chair preferably 6th grade parent next year

- Discussed possibility of MP 2-weeks (10/13-10/31) instead of 1-month- very time consuming w/ few donations mid month
- Volunteers to collect parking lot donations only needed toward end and/or very beginning of MP as it's the same parents
- 8/15 teachers submit requests
- Aug. 9th Registration include MP request line item on paperwork, would also help to differentiate between "optional fees" which confuses many people w/ MP donation. Use last year's teacher requests as examples for parents to view
- Another bonus for asking MP earlier- parents hit w/ many beginning of year event fees, i.e. 6th grade science trip

Grocery Cards

- Agreed to zero out all grocery cards so no one has to track them also easier to disseminate
- Will handout grocery cards at 6th grade picnic
- No one agreed to take this position - still open

Community Dinners

- Shannon Collier agreed to take this position

School Store

- school store can run itself if everyone communicates about inventory and absences
- Jennifer Saal agreed to help run the store (PTO will try to get another school store parent to help first)
- Darcy agreed to continue to purchase school store food from Costco

School Events

Box Tops

- about \$42 collected

Hospitality

- Darcy agreed to co-chair for next year

Trip Tracker- see attached document

- MMS increased participation
- will continue next year

School Community Gardens

- summer sign up sheet sent out to MMS community
- expressed the need for teachers to take over the garden

Winter Social

- open position

Website

- Jennifer Saal agreed to update

360 Parent Group

- upcoming school year will not have a 360 parent leader as not enough volunteers

District and Community Representatives

PEN- Nathalie asked for topic suggestions

- 13 Reason show has many parents concerned, but also good discussion topics addressed
- parents noticed kids saying, "kill myself" or "go kill yourself" possible topic to offer parents suggestions on how to address this with kids
- how to deal with cyber bullying- school resource officer a potential resource
- anything about apps- which ones to avoid etc...

DAC

- no updates
- public invited to meetings

Future PTO meetings

- agreed to keep alternating PM and AM PTO meetings
- discussed possibility of moving some meetings to coffee shop
 - If move meetings to a coffee shop in the AM then no teachers would be able to attend
 - Keep first PTO meeting of the year at school so parents can get acquainted w/ school

Potential Summer Community Dinner

- Julie will organize this and ask Loli to queue up the email for the summer
- idea: start fundraising for fall scholarships

Co-Chairs for next year: Darcy Fan, Shannon Collier, and Karen Gall

- agreed to meet before the beginning of next year to organize for beg. of school year, i.e. Welcome Back Teacher/Staff lunch