



PS9 PTO Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm
- Review of agenda and meeting minutes from June and September
 - Note correction on September minutes re: Pumpkin Patch
 - With correction, minutes are approved

Fundraising

- Update from Faye Rimalovski re: Silent Auction, which is taking place Nov. 3rd at Union Temple
- Direct Appeal is underway; raised \$9,000 to date. Our goal is \$150,000
- Update on recent fundraisers and monies raised (Carnival, Movie Night (benefiting 5th grade), Pumpkin Patch, Primary.com)
- Presentation of fundraising activities in the pipeline
- Ideas for fundraising consideration
 - Clothing swap idea

School Leadership Team (SLT)

- Update from Jesse Hendrich, of the SLT
- First meeting was mostly administrative: designation of roles, discussion of goals
- This year's theme: "Breaking Barriers" – symbolic of the school's expansion
- Discussion topics:
 - Class size in Kindergarten grade is of concern to parents
- Classroom library project – for every classroom, do the selection of books reflect the diversity of our school? Project assessment will determine how classroom libraries can be replenished.
 - Working with Greenlight Bookstore to see if they can provide books for sale at discounted cost

Committee Updates

- EDI
 - Co-chaired by parent Kirsten Cole and Ms. Chong
- Transportation
 - Planning upcoming meeting for all parents
 - Survey results will be announced soon (of note: morning drop-off experience; less negative than expected)
 - One of last year's achievements: local precinct is now enforcing no standing zone so that flow of traffic is smoother
 - 311 is a powerful tool that parents can use to effect change quickly – use the app or online to report traffic-related issues near the school
- Wellness
 - Lunch issues
 - Movement, dance, physical health
 - Working to fix faucets and ensure hand soap is available in bathrooms, etc.
 - Encourage all parents to read Wellness Policy on website
 - No candy allowed in school; consider activities or crafts (like stickers) instead
 - Movement should not be used as a punishment
 - Next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Goldstar Beer Counter



- **Audit**
 - Annual review of the budget and finances of the PTO
 - Opportunities for improvement to shore up some policies and procedures
 - Core recommendations:
 - To have a dedicated working group to refine policy and procedures
 - Retain professional bookkeeper to manage monthly accounting and reconciliation

- **Budget**
 - Discussion of stock donation granted to PS 9
 - Review of policy and administration needs in order to accept stock donation
 - Vote:

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Discuss audit committee recommendations (prioritize)