

Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting

9/1/2020 via Zoom @ 6:00pm

Introductions:

Tanya Merritt, Katie Van Dorn, Amy Webster, Rachel Perez, Lisa Parker, April Hunt, Nichole Martin, Ellie Vlahos, Meghan Drouare, Nichole, Jasmine Hardy, Todd Swales, Abbi Tykocki, Jasmine King, Tony Gomez, Ida Nadia Sedjro Djenontin, Matt Penniman, Teramototsuyoshi, Gloria Nwobu

Officer Reports

Katie Van Dorn: Helped deliver (food items) to teachers on August 24th, this was a success

Todd Swales: Will be attending the district Parent Council Meeting and will keep us updated

Lisa Parker:

- Budget reports in through August are posted now
- We started July with \$22,000
- She paid the accountants to do our taxes. Those were done in May, so we're all set there
- We are currently at \$21,000
- Tanya and husband would like to gift the parent council with a laptop with the office package

Jasmine Bentley and Rachel Perez:

- No updates right now, Rachel and Jasmine will talk offline to determine who will do what for the upcoming school year.

Amy Webster:

- Thank you all, as a parent, I know this first week could be overwhelming
- Hopefully all parents have had a chance to connect with their kids' teachers to ask any questions you may have, this is usually done through Google Meet.
- Some teachers may be returning to Zoom, you will hear from your teachers
- Orientation week is over, now we will move into more academics
- Distribution of school materials was successful, only a few packets left to hand out and we have contacted each of these families
- I am hoping to get a video of the new building out soon
- Are the teachers working from school? They have the option to work from school or from the classroom.
- School Pictures? We have postponed our original September date. We are either going to schedule one later or in the Spring.
- What will we do about the birds running into the windows? We have been in contact with our maintenance department to ask what our options are.

Teacher Representative:

Volunteer Coordinators:

- No updates right now because we don't have any events planned
- Each year our school is getting smaller with enrollment, do you have approximate numbers for this year? We are right around 300 but there has been a lot of movement recently so this may not be accurate, this is fluctuating more this year than I have ever seen.
- Are we doing some sort of sign up to know who our new parents are?

Directory:

- Should we still do a directory this year? Yes. Maybe we can do an electronic form now since we're not handing out paper forms to parents.
- Tanya going to reach out to Marble Elementary about Google Forms for a directory
- Katie going to create the Google Form to be distributed

Book Fair Coordinators:

- Book Fair to end tomorrow. Lisa has not seen any orders yet but she believes it's because she cannot view the orders until the fair has closed.
- Hoping to do another one before Christmas.

Old Business:

- a. Spirit Wear Orders- Successful fundraiser in Spring 2020. However, the printing process was delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We now have the orders and will be distributing them on Thursday, 9/3/20 from 5:30-7:00pm. Rachel and Karen will be doing this in a socially distant way with masks.
- b. Book Fair

New Business

- a. Teacher Grant Forms- teachers can submit a grant request form for programs or supplies needed for their class. Has been successful so far.
 - a. We usually had a limit on how much we would offer
 - b. We also give every teacher \$150 that they can spend on anything in their classroom. They submit the receipts to us up through May 1st. We'll be offering this again this year. Amy can you please ask the teachers to send their receipts to Lisa.
 - c. What was out budget last year for teacher grants? I believe it was \$4000 and we spent about \$1600 total last year. We should be able to carry the remainder funds forward for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - d. Should we approve \$4000 for this year again? We may want to wait until we know more about what kind of events we will be holding this year. This was budgeted last year based off of the fact that we'd be having a successful Color Fun Run.
 - e. Motion made to approve \$2000 now and reassess in the Spring.

- b. Virtual Run
 - a. What about flip flopping the silent auction with the fun run? Cannot do a silent auction right now with such a quick turn-around.
 - b. Is there a way to do the fun run virtually? Have the kids log their hours or miles running
 - c. Maybe a Fun Run package for donations including silly string, pop its, etc.
 - d. The package components could be different depending on
 - e. Fun Run Committee: April Hunt, Lisa Parker, Ellie Vlahos, Meghan, Penniman
 - f. We could either do it in October (close to Halloween) or wait until the Spring
 - g. Ellie is going to talk with a representative from the Girls on the Run team to see how their Virtual Fun run went and how long it took to coordinate.
 - h. Would we do Spirit Week with the Fun Run? Yes this is possible, let's table this for October
- c. Upcoming Events: Marco's Pizza Night
 - a. The past 2 years have been slow but it's minimal work involved. They have not reached out to me this year, but that doesn't mean it can't happen. What do we think?
 - b. It may not be worth the time, we made very little last year. It may just be one more thing that the parents need to read through.
 - c. Teachers could post it in their Google Classroom or SeeSaw pretty easily
 - d. It may be good to have all of the dates ahead of time and Amy and Amy can send into the teachers ahead of time.
- d. 2020-2021 Officers
 - a. Tanya gave a description of each position
 - b. President: Tanya will continue for another month and see if anyone else is interested. She would also be happy to Co-Chair the President Position
 - c. Vice President: Katie will stay on for the next month and Todd can take over after that if there are no other takers
 - d. Treasurer: Lisa Parker (Training Meghan Drouare)
 - e. Secretary: Rachel and Jasmine Co-Chairing
 - f. Volunteer Coordinator:
 - i. Ellie wants to step down
 - ii. Abbi Tykocki may be interested
 - iii. Also recommending Karen McClosky if she's interested
 - iv. Ida Nadia Sedjro Djenontin is interested
 - g. Book Fair Coordinator: Lisa Parker (Training Meghan Drouare)

Open Discussion Forum:

1. Rhiannon- District Parent Council had a training and I have the recorded link if anyone wants to see it
2. Rhiannon- They are also going to include me in a link to go over some brainstorming ideas for fundraising for this year
3. They recommended that we look at our by-laws to make sure that they are flexible enough to do what we need to do this year
 - a. Ellie and Tanya are going to review these

4. Rhiannon is going to send these links to Rachel and Jasmine to post it on the PPC Website
5. In continuing the idea of more working together- cross pollination between neighborhood association and the PPC. One of our neighbors, Don Powers, passed away. We are discussing ways to memorialize Don. We have discussed a bench or tree in Henry Fine Park. The Kowanis Club is interested in pooling resources to do both. They also suggested reaching out to the PPC. I'm not sure if that's something we can use our funds for or if we're interested?
 - a. We have done trees in the past, however, due to the construction and warranty of the landscaping and water- we can't do anything to the landscaping to interrupt their work for at least 1 year. But we could possibly do this in Henry Fine Park. We could do a bench at Pinecrest though.
 - b. I think someone was going to talk with Stephanie's husband to talk about a way to memorialize her passing as well.
 - c. Maybe we can do a plaque that we can add onto in the future if needed
6. Amazon Smiles- possibility for a fundraiser. Pinecrest gets a certain refund off of purchases made through Amazon.
 - a. April Hunt says she will be happy to head this up and look into it. She will work with Ellie on how this would work with our Council tax status (5013c)
 - b. Motion to set up Amazon Smiles: Passed

Adjournment