

PTA Board meeting Jan 05, 2010

Try to make people come to the meeting in February. New people came to the Sept meeting, but did not show up after that. Try to make a big meeting in Feb.

Melissa will put up on the bulleting board what the PTA has done.

Mimi: Maybe we could use the PTA board to have a sign up sheet for parents?

Sheila: We should give it a try.

We need a publicity person (?????)

It would be good to write descriptions of the tasks for people to sign.

We can also send info in the Monday folder. We need 10-day notice to photocopy and have flyers ready.

Brighid is going to take care of the bulletin board.

Directory is tabled until next year

We need people to bring breakfast for judges at the science fair, as well as lunch. Lunch we'll do from Generous Joe. Brighid and Amy will work on that. Calculate to 30 or 40 judges (we'll get a more accurate number as we get closer). Breakfast: maybe Ms. Zannin can pick it up and we can reimburse her.

Last PTA meeting we had working committees. Apparently it went well. Do we try it again? Should we get food to attract more people? Should we make it a PTA social?

Committes: Spring Fair (Melissa), multicultural dinner (Sheila). We need people, or somebody in charge, for the teacher appreciation.

For a social activity we can have a paper wall where people write what they like, what we can improve as a school.

Amy: GMS band may be playing at that meeting

Before the band plays we can announce we have these committees going on and make ourselves available to people if they want to participate or ask questions.

We will also have a fitness night. Maybe that would be more inclusive, since band is more targeted to the 6th graders.

We need an inventory of T-shirts (Mrs. Han?) before the PTA social in Feb so we can sell T-shirts on fitness night-PTA social. We can have a chart to fill out for the person who does the tally.

Teacher appreciation. Food is really nice, social. Some schools have the parents to donate food, people sign in and bring lunch for teachers.

Grant writing committee.

Arts integration. People want to know more. Maybe we can show the video again. Students can put together a power point and show it to parents. That will be in May. We can do a TAG + Arts integration meeting.

In May we can start to think about the directory, book sale,... We need someone to work with Melissa for two years and get trained.

Arts in action grant. Some people charge \$100/hour, but there are also more local resources that may be \$25/hour. It would be great to have every grade to have an artist come to the classroom. We can explore other ideas like yoga during testing or something else. It would be good to have next year, since this year there are a lot of things going on already. We don't need to spend the money until spring 2011. It is ok to do it in the fall. 2nd grade teacher: it is ok this year. Ms. Seidel: some teachers can choose to do it this school year and some others do it in the fall.

It would be good to have a roster of artists with description of what they do.

Mural (?????)

Ceremony to pick up the \$4000 from the Greenbelt Community Foundation is this Sunday at 3pm at Spring Hill Lake Community Center.

If we apply for the ??? and the ??? grants we need to apply for different artists.

Free concert and free residency (?????) . Artist in residency (????) Mrs. Lee applied

Cantare is coming in May.

Greenbelt ACE grant is \$500. Melissa's computer crashed, we could not apply. We cannot rely on Melissa Herenreich for all the grants.

Ingrid Turner. We wanted to apply for tricycles, but we didn't (?). We got 1 tricycle donated. We need 5-year-old size (10 to 12 inches tall, the seat). Kids need to have the opportunity to do more than run and climb.

There is another ACE grant for \$500 that we can apply.