

Irish meeting 8/27/2020
Meeting started at 7:05

In Attendance Lindsay Reynolds, Gus Wright, Etta Schwartz, Erika Osborne, Kristy Bruce, Jen Tucker, Laurie Pasricha., Yuri Avendano, Gregg Osterhout, Seth Lorson, Jennifer and Sam Lewis, Lindsey Wallton, David Autenrieth

Agenda:

-Introduction and welcome to our first PTO meeting of the school year!

I. Principal's message

A. Tuesday's protest in front of the school.

1. There were 2 people at the protest- 1 left after 15 min, the other stayed an hour.
2. Many parents were uncomfortable with the amount of reporters.
3. Question: Will it come before the school board? He hasn't gotten signatures.

B. How do we support how hard our teachers are working?

1. Could we make some yard signs and chalk art? Make the signs at home and bring it here.
2. **Action Item: Lindsay will make a flyer: Put it on the FB page and website-Done!**
3. Support monthly!
4. Could we partner with churches or a community group for holiday gifts?
5. Maybe we can find some sponsors, or have a GoFundMe in November/December

C. District is making remote learning support centers and providing transportation for at-need students.

1. 3 sites in the district at Lincoln, Irish and Linton are serving students in pre-k -5th grade.
 - a. 10 kids per room, 1 adult. Still learning from the laptop, and they'll get food served to them as well as mental health services. Kids from
 - b. Irish and Putnam start 9/8.
 - c. About 75 kids in the whole school.
 - d. Good for contact tracing.
 - e. The Principals are working on issues that will be addressed about equity and they can send us about that what they've been thinking about.

D. Virtual classes are running and the teachers and parents are working hard!

E. The District Advisory Board (DAB) will discuss the school district matters, specifically about equity at their next meeting on Monday, September 14th from 7:00-9:00pm. Email Gus, our DAB liaison at bridgebuilder@hotmail.com to pass along any questions, comments or ideas.

In the September meeting, the DAB will be providing feedback to the District for the District approval plan. The DAB is an advisory council to PSD's school district..

II. **Mural Update** Seth Lorson gave a PowerPoint Presentation (attached) about the proposed mural idea.

A. We need to create a mural committee to work on:

1. Fundraising, mural specific fundraising, spending rules (through school or 501c3)
2. Outreach to families/students/staff, talking to kids about our ideas.
3. One artist that has done murals in the past is Armando Silva. Here are examples of what our mural could potentially look like <http://www.artmandosilva.com/>
4. Maybe, eventually, a mural at each Pod?

B. Erika Osborne (in attendance) is a part of the Art dept. At CSU and can offer ideas.

C. Some rules for getting a project done at PSD like a mural:

1. If you want to spend more than 5k for 1 purchase you have to get 3 bids.
2. If you wanted to use 1 artist: 1, have him get a bid, and then bids from 2 other artists. Then we could use the \$\$ in the account.
3. If we wanted to just use him and have a separate account w/o going through the school finances. But if you do that, you can't use the \$\$ in our current account.
4. But if the bid was below \$5,000 and under we wouldn't have to get a separate bid.
5. Or have it be several different projects and submit costs for each part of the project as a separate entity.
 - a. Eg: One bid for the mural alone, a second bid for an associated assembly/presentation...

D. Questions

1. Could we have a Private fundraiser?
2. Could we get sponsorship for the materials as a donation?
3. Would it be considered an outside function to paint?
 - a. We would have to get the project approved by the Health Department.
4. What would the timeline look like?
 - a. Answer, probably not get a painting started until 2021, so we have time.

E. Who would like to be on the Mural Committee?

1. Seth, Erika, David, Etta
 - a. **Please email the PTO if you are interested in joining:)**
 - b. Ask Ms. Compton working with the kids and to be on the committee
 - c. **Lindsay will email the full PTO list to ask for more members as well**

III. Email list, recruitment, and FaceBook

- A. We made a new email and had a recruitment at the beginning of school effort to let Parents know about Irish's PTO. We want more people on the email list.
- B. **Action Item:** Lindsay will contact Ms. Walton to see if other families might be interested.

IV. Fall fundraising

- A. What is our focus this year?
 - 1. Should the mural be the focus? And then present at the next PTO meeting.
 - 2. Have another GoFundMe campaign?
 - 3. The PTO bought a bunch of t-shirts. What are our selling options?
 - a. Lindsay, maybe a link for orders from the school. Lindsay will look at those costs and make a decision.
 - b. Irish will set up a system for regular distribution for library books/classroom books as a 1 time a week distribution method. Perhaps we could put flyers or t-shirt information in the student's "mailboxes".

V. 501c3 update

- A. Gregg Osterhout and team helped draft The Articles of Incorporation and now we need to discuss a Board of Directors.
 - 1. Last year we had formal positions, but not now. It's called the "Leadership team".
 - 2. Gus's idea: a collegial group and a formal group?
 - 3. What are the costs? 50 to file and then 20 to register every year. 200/year for liability.
 - 4. Seth would be willing to be on the board.

VI. Parent support and networking

- A. How can we best give opportunities for Parents to network?
 - 1. Should we try to get some other meetings going like weekly, or monthly?
 - 2. Around grade level?
 - 3. Goal: To have the same conversations that we would have had in a parking lot/bus stop:).
 - 4. Kristy asked: Could we meet-up at a park? And be masked?
 - a. The school couldn't be involved if it was at a park.
 - 5. Back to school night?
 - a. By grade level back to school night?

- b. They would want to talk to teacher leadership team to have a grade level meet up:).
- c. Back to school night, could we help facilitate have a list of families that we could have as a resource?
- d. It would be a Virtual back-to-school-night.
- e. Could we develop a Family networking list? "Jaguar Dens".
- f. They will get an answer in 2-3 weeks.
- g. Talk to the family liaison team?
- h. 4-12 people would be a nice group to get together.

Next meeting for September 17th

Meeting ended at 8:16pm