

PTO May 12/22
Meeting Started at 5:30pm

Attendees present:

Staff: Lindsey Mozer-Principal, Irma Sandoval-Interpreter,
Leadership Team: Kristy Bruce, Lindsay Reynolds, Jenny Miller
Child Care: Hannah Hess
Parents: 6 Spectacular Parents!

I. Principal report

- A. District Review of district literacy practices
 - 1. To address the gap in equity for marginalized groups.
 - 2. The district hired an outside company. That data will be made public. For 3rd graders.
 - 3. Irish's raters were very complimentary and appropriate for their grade level
 - 4. Next steps include whole group and individual learning.
 - B. Leadership team did a book study together for professional development called "Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain".
 - C. Updated Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) in October
 - 1. We will have new CMAS data announced in August
 - 2. In Sep. see how that influences the school improvement plan.
 - D. Bond Capital Improvements
 - 1. None of them will happen this Summer, they will be postponed.
 - a. No ADA compliant bathroom
 - b. Kindergarten bathrooms
 - c. No roof
 - d. No carpet because it didn't match.
 - e. Capital improvements will happen Summer 2023.
 - 2. Question: What about gyms?
 - a. 3 schools don't have gyms: Beatty, Odea and Irish
 - b. We won't increase enrollment based on our location, which won't make it possible to get the gym just because of the number of students, it would have to be based on other priorities such as district initiatives.
 - c. Irish has one of the shortest lunch times of 50 minutes because of not having a gym.
 - d. It is 50 minutes because of needing time for specials and planning time, but if they haven't finished their lunch, then they sit with Ms. Mozer, they can stay.
 - e. A longer lunch of 90 minutes is recommended.
 - f. 2024 next bond request. No new schools, just facilities.
- E. TDLCC results "teaching and learning conditions in Colorado" are published for the whole state
 - 1. <https://tlcc-2022-reports.cedu.io/>
 - 2. We can see Irish's rates
 - 3. The main low positivity rate is that teachers don't have enough time. They rated Irish as having a 48% satisfaction rate.
- F. Irish will be getting a 2nd Counselor next year!
- G. There will be a District survey sent out for each of the schools from the District Advisory Board. We will get a survey in July.

II. District Advisory Board (DAB)

- A. We need volunteers to attend these once a month meetings.
 - 1. Ideally it would be 2 or 3 people to rotate these once a month meetings.
 - 2. We could use Sign-Up genius and have everyone take turns
 - 3. Irma would be willing to interpret if Spanish-speaking families wanted to go.
- a. Ms. Mozer will talk to Ana and see if Spanish-speaking parents would be interested.
 - 4. We could get our leadership team to go to the first few DAB meetings and then ask for volunteers.
- A. What does the DAB do?

1. This board interacts with Poudre School District and a few representatives from each school at PSD.
2. There is also a District Accountability Committee once a month.
3. Parent and school representatives work together for an improvement plan and funding. Less financial stuff. Some would have 2 or 3 people. Mental health issues for example. Accountability is an advisory board. How you should spend money and make things happen. Advisory is a communication tool between the schools and the district and say what is going on. Opportunity to engage with the district.

III. Day of the Child (DOTC)

A. It was great to be together after being apart for so long because of Covid!

B. The numbers:

C. Earned:

1. Rough count on funds earned from mercadito/ticket sales = \$1,670
2. Funds raised in the auction = \$3,255.99
3. 166 families signed in (I would say at least 3 people per family came... so... let's guess 500+ in attendance).

Costs:

1. Bouncy house rental cost = \$895 (Paid by PTO)
2. Staff paid to work outside hours = maybe around \$600
3. Face painting supplies purchased = \$615.10
4. Materials purchased for passports/stamps = 24.60 + 34.95+ 50
5. Copier charges for printing materials = around \$100
6. Tickets purchased for sales = 57.50
7. Cash box purchased for sales = 25.99
8. Candy and toys for prizes = 610.97
9. Books to giveaway = \$1,000
10. Items for auction (baskets, cellophane, etc)= \$132.92 + \$213.14
11. Estimate of total charges spent by school with family involvement funds= \$3,465.17
12. Estimate of total charges spent by PTO = \$895
13. Estimate of funds raised by PTO= \$4,925.99
- 14.
15. Organizations attending

a. Redeemer Lutheran church donated dinner (hot dogs, chips, lemonade, cookies)

b. Poudre Library

c. Therapy Dogs

d. City of Fort Collins Natural Areas

C. Title 1 funds

1. Title 1 monies were used to fund DOTC
2. Federally funded Title 1 funds are for Family involvement and academics.
3. We receive this money because 60/70% of our students qualify for Free and Reduced Lunches FARL you would supplement for those families.
4. Normally we raise around \$2,000. - doubled the income this year!

D. Favorite moments

1. People chatting
2. Kids running around.
3. As a new family to see the culture of Irish, everyone has been welcoming and joyful.
4. After Covid, this is the first opportunity to see new areas of the school
5. Passports were brilliant to see all of the school, all activities, and spread people out
6. The shows in the gym.
7. Working on projects together
8. From Ms. Mozer

a. 7-8 years ago they envisioned what it would be like to be a bicultural school. At DOTC Irish embodied that vision.

9. Online auction has been stepped up a lot

E. Volunteers and planning for next time

1. 3 people make cotton candy.
 2. 5 people for the bouncy house.
 3. Better signage and a bulletin board for the auction
 4. A working intercom to make announcements (Auction, food sales closing, etc)
 5. This year was a good blueprint.
 6. When we do it again, we need to plan it for 6 months prior to the event.
- F. Ideas for next time
1. When does the auction work best?
 - a. DOTC April 27th?
 - b. Not during Teacher appreciation week (the actual day is April 30th)
 1. Start planning earlier. 6-7 months and get more volunteers
 2. We have done 2 auctions in the past, Winter and DOTC.
 3. The performances and the activities: what should the timing be?
 - a. If it's just the performance, Not as big a turnout..
 - b. Maybe just 1 performance and 1 thing going on during the performance.
 - c. The kids involved with the performances miss the activities.
 4. Maybe 2 ½ hours?
 - a. Everyone that helped clean up and got done in ½ hour if lots of people help clean up.
 - b. Staff have to attend 1 event.
 - c. Our family liaisons are Diana and Ana.
 5. Maybe we can have a food mercado for Winter event.
 6. When would we have food for families?
 - a. Day before the school, ice cream
 - b. Back to School night. Usually Redeemer Lutheran.
 - c. We would like to have culturally relevant food.

IV. Teacher Appreciation Committee

- A. What have we done so far?
 1. Angel bought plants.
 2. The event is May 16th
 3. First watch has a breakfast for the teachers.
- a. There was a poll for a night out, and they wanted breakfast.
- b. Emma Kate and she organized the breakfast and cards and cash in it.
- c. Need help tomorrow after school at 3:30pm hang decorations and put the plants out. And then help cleaning up.
- d. There is a meeting at 9. Starting breakfast at 8am
- e. They will be meeting about the new intercom system.
- f. There has been an announcement for staff to come in between 8-9.
- g. Parent named Katie is making videos for the kids to say why they love their teachers.

V. Fundraising Opportunities

We are linked to King Soopers, and Amazon Smile. We will have a fundraiser for NoCo Nosh on Tuesday 4-9. Go to the app and say Irish, 20% of your food will be donated to the school.

VI. PTO Leadership Opportunities for the next year

- A. Secretary-**Phuong Nguyen** will be our Secretary for next year. Hooray Phuong!
- B. What roles can this group do to help out with the PTO?
 1. Mercado, get things donated.
 2. 3 people for Specific projects
 3. Would like to brainstorm more Latino representation and culturally relevant events.
 4. Brainstorm class volunteers, recruit parents.
 5. 1 parent: has a 6th grader, willing to do more next year.
 6. Behind the scenes and Treasurer.
 7. Self-care?
 8. How do we feel about In-person vs. Virtual meetings?

- a. Child care and dinner is about \$150/meeting.
- b. Maybe every other one in person?
- c. Less of a connection virtually
- d. College students.
- e. Ask CSU early childhood center....can post on that. **Contact Watana** about childcare.
- f. Recruitment from Ana for Spanish Speaking families? Call people the week before and guilt them (what's app group?). Contact Ana.
- g. Every other month do a presentation (e.g. Spanish speaking every other month), and English and Spanish groups...would talk about data in the language group. Hour of a seminar and then hour of activity.
- h. A futbol meeting to go to Soft Gold park.
- i. Teachers of a kickball team.
- j. Create a Latinix engagement committee
- k. School won't start until 9am, maybe an 8am meeting.
- l. Help out 2 weeks before and after.
- m. Lindsey likes doing emails.

Meeting ended at 7:20pm

July 21st next meeting