

### **Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting – Lead by Mr. Holt**

- Congratulations to Mark Bartlett who was selected the “PE Teacher of the Year” for the state of Colorado!
- Also, he just finished hosting a soccer tournament for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids worked well and supported one another. It is a goal to share this experience with the lower grades in the future.

### **Enrollment and Budget:**

- Irish is under-enrolled by 19 students resulting in the need to return \$125K to the district.
- We must work strictly within our allocated budget because our reserve has been depleted. More teachers may be coming to the PTO with requests.
- Across the district, enrollment is declining. The district is putting efforts into marketing to try to keep students enrolled within PSD Schools. The best marketing is word of mouth, sharing good news of the school with other families.
- **“Chose Irish” lawn signs are available and we can ask people to put them in high-traffic areas.** We should reach out to families that have choiced-in that live outside of the neighborhood boundary.

### **School Improvement Plan**

- Irish leadership is in the process of applying for the EASI Grant. We have requested \$120K to support 2 years of professional development for staff and coaching
- Must select a vendor BEFORE a grant is approved.
- Leadership team has chosen criteria and are beginning selection process of vendors. Dual Language is obviously a priority. Will have made a choice by next Friday.
- Academic/Active Monitoring is being put in place as a result of the improvement plan. Through this method, every child confers with their teacher one-on-one during instructional time to ensure that they are successfully completing the steps in their lessons. When there is trouble, teachers are able to quickly identify where the misunderstanding occurs. According to teachers, this has been making positive impacts.
- Another goal is to begin sharing the data with parents. This process is not as far along as implementation of Active Monitoring.

### Stress in the school

- Current anxious environment for families and additional food insecurity concerns.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers bear the brunt of the burden in academic improvements because their CMAS scores will indicate, on behalf of the whole school, whether the school's improvement plan is functioning.
- The leadership team is putting in a lot of extra hours to work toward the EASI development grant. The PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, ie: paws) team is working to also support positive behaviors.
- Mr. Holt plans to come to the Padres en Accion meeting in January with data on how well this is all going. The school wants to get better at communicating out.

### **Padres en Accion Meeting:**

#### Fundraising:

- CafeMexicali fundraiser – cancelled
- Plan to sell t-shirts designed by Ms. Flores in the spring to raise money for the school. Could make the tshirt design into stickers, beanies, bumper magnets? (Kelly)
- Through KingSoopers, we have a QR code that we can use to help families sign up for a free-to-families fund raising opportunity
- \* PTO will send code to the front desk and ask that they send it to families through SeeSaw (Jill & Diana)
- Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> ALL DAY fundraiser at Illegal Pete's \*must have flyer\* (Kelly)

#### Pavilion Project:

- Though this had been a priority for Irish PTO in the past, it was deprioritized, and the grant deadline passed for this cycle. When this grant becomes available again, a request for grant support needs to go from school administration to PSD grant-writing team.

#### Communications:

- Hannah R. Gained access to the Padres en Accion Facebook account. Will send out a series of messages announcing the Winter Celebration event and ways to participate

#### Spending:

- Can the PTO purchase 2 whiteboard arrow signs for giving directions within the building? (Group approves, Megan will purchase)
- Coffee cart for teachers 12/12/25
- Ice maker has been installed
- Chair massages possible way to support teachers in the new year
- Buying drinks for the staff holiday party

Winter Celebration Planning:

- Flor Antigua Performance (no mariachi)
- Jaguar mascot
- Dinner is provided in the cafeteria (Frito pies)
- Additional food available for purchase (mercadito)
- Family present at meeting will bring tacos de humo to sell
- \*Look into the sale of pupusas (Diana)
- \*Send QR code out to families asking for donations of gift items and food items by 11/20 (Lily)
- **Donations should be submitted by Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>**
- \*Reach out to the library for free books, crafts, and possible support with loteria (Ana – already has spoken with Kathia who plans to set up a table and make library cards)
- PTO to purchase craft kits as a back-up in case the Library does not offer support (Kelly)
- \*Teacher-led activities (Candace will organize)
- PTO is going to organize volunteers for mercadito. (Via the sign-up that is going out from the office)
  - o Preparation before the event
  - o clean-up afterward
  - o selling Irish t-shirts and sharing QR codes for KingSoopers fundraiser / QR code to Facebook page
  - o Organize donations from 4-5pm on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - the day before the event
- Approximately Dec1, we'll look for an email with follow-up (Jill)