

PA June meeting

6/14/23

Note taken by Hiroko

PA Board Election

17 initially attending including Ms. Darrell

2 Co-president (Hanna and Shaheera) voted and elected

School Leadership Team position (2 opening)- Rebecca and Sabina elected

SLT member

Question from Aleksandra about the role and requirements

Answered by Ms Darrell meeting once a month, discuss the instructional goal, education plan, etc.

PA meeting

Agenda:

1)Afterschool Update

-20 attendents so far

2)School hours

- Specific hours /afterschool hours still in flux due to the ongoing staff contract negotiation

3) School yard renovation

- Starting this summer

- Resurface only asphalt

- We will push for more improvement next year.

4) Family consent for filming

- Need agreement collected from all parents for EACH parent separately

- It is doable but heavy lifting

5) K party after stepping up (pizza party)

- PA board is advised to collect donation for the party as school cannot accept donation

- Volunteer can order, pay and give receipt to PA that we have records of

donation/compliance

6) Increasing request for yearly due

- Considering suggested donation to \$15

7) New PA expenditures for next year:

- Bus tolls for school field trips (\$500-600)
- Expenses for Teacher Appreciation Day
- PA filing to be non-profit (\$600- 700 just for filing)

- PA bank account balance at the end of the 2022-23 year is about \$4000, starting from \$16
- 50-60% participation for the annual dues

8) Donation

- Set up Zelle, Venmo, safe in the office
- We can better handle the donation
- Increase in suggested amount for annual dues from \$10->\$15 is voted in.

9) PA->PTA transformation in discussion

- PTA cannot have meeting during the school hours.
- Alternating schedule could be helpful
- After school hour (3pm?) or Zoom (evening) -- discussion
- Re-draft the bylaws, meeting set up to after hour

10) Benefit of converting to non-profit

- Being able to accept donation from outside organization
- PA board does not have liability protection otherwise
- We are pretty much only school PA which does not have non-profit
- Legal aspect it is the same
- PTA benefit with more involvement from teacher
- Dialogue with teachers would be beneficial

11) Announcement: Hydroponic gardening will be available next year

Attendance

- After school hour works better (Yelena)

Afterschool fund for NIA \$1000 not needed (school sponsoring free spot)

We have \$400 left for Irvin Simon (school photo) gift certificates available

School has been paying for Teachers College curriculum (which will no longer be used)

New reading program being introduced next year - core program is paid by district but enhancements will be paid by the school

--We do not know yet what will be the available funds

\$2000 –minimum balance to keep in the PA bank account to avoid bank fees

Questions:

-Zoom and in-person meeting simultaneously?

-- not enough man-power to manage

Halal kitchen

--will keep the dialogue with kitchen