

PTC meeting 10/8/18

Attendees: Laura Jensen, David Platt, Anne de Ridder, Katie Payne, Robin Gao, Lee Carson, Carol Moses, Jan Blakeslee, Amy Chamberlain, Julie Spear, Hillary Peck, Olga Sennshova, Jessica Baker, Eva Novick, Carrie Reeber, Christine Flores, Jenny Yeh Vail, Peng Ge, Valerie Ristau, Kylan Pimley, Lindsay Tosky, Jin Hashimoto, Paris Bone

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

Safety Upgrades – Last year, the PTC received a grant to put fencing and gates on the corner of 122nd and Cornell to prevent cross traffic of pedestrians during school hours and to keep children safe from the road. A keeper will be installed on the gate that will permit the gate to be ajar during non-school hours. Now the PTC is looking at fixing fencing near the parking lot in two areas: (1) a 7 foot gap, which is a risk because it is another opening to the school grounds and (2) to the left of the red fire gate. The PTC got permission from THPRD to install a gate at the opening of the 7 foot gap that would be locked during school hours. The PTC got a bid to fix the area to the left of the red fire gate, which is locked in the mornings during Student Stop hours. The fix would include removing the middle post, installing a two foot wide gate and leveling the ground, so it will no longer be a challenge for people with mobility issues to pass through. The total cost of the bid is \$6,915. The PTC applied for additional grants of \$3,900 and to retain the funds we received for the 122nd/Cornell project that were not spent (\$3,105.75).

Middle School Options – The Beaverton School District has several options middle schools that provide different focuses, including the environment, health sciences, arts and communication, International Baccalaureate and science and technology. There are also two K-8 schools. Mrs. Blakeslee provided handouts with the open house schedule, the lottery timeline and the application (which will be available online on Oct. 15). This year, students can only pick one option. If a student does not get accepted in the lottery, each school has a different submission process for second consideration applications. Each school has different populations. Students can apply in 5th, 6th or 7th grade to attend an option middle school. The Aloha Huber Park option is only available to Aloha Huber Park students. Summa is invitation only.

Volunteer updates:

Clothes Closet – Still has volunteer spots open tomorrow between 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Vision Screening – Need 2 more volunteers.

Staff luncheon – It is the Thursday of parent/teacher conferences. As of 4:00pm, there were three volunteer opportunities left. Please pick up dishes by 2:30pm that day.

Art literacy – See below.

Fun Run Pizza Party – Volunteer spots are open. Six classrooms raised around \$3,500 each. The PTC decided to give each of those six classes a pizza party. The pizza parties will be on October 24. The PTC is trying to get pizza donated or purchased at cost.

Classrooms – Teachers communicate classroom volunteer needs differently. Classroom volunteer needs have been loaded into the volunteer system. A lot of classes are having harvest parties.

Lapping Lumberjacks – Every Tuesday and Thursday, except Nov. 1.

Library – Volunteer opportunities for November and December have been loaded in the volunteer system. The library coordinator would like to encourage new volunteers. Volunteers scan barcodes. Some children do not have library times the first week of December due to the book fair.

Passport Club – The first passport club went really well. Reminder that, even though the activity happens at the end of the day on a Friday, parents need to check out their kids through the office for safety reasons.

Thursday Work Parties – It's each week.

Need volunteers to put together the last InnovatED cart.

Fun Run – This year's goal was \$50,000. So far, the PTC has netted \$57,021.68 (after deducting costs for Pledgestar and T-shirts). Of this amount, \$48,983.05 is from families and \$12,650 is from corporate sponsors. Some cash/checks and matching gifts are still coming in.

School Kidz Boxes – Families can order school supplies at the end of the year and the supplies are delivered to the school for the Stop, Drop and Smile event. The PTC plans to continue to pay for some supplies. Teachers like the consistency in brands and families need to separately purchase fewer supplies for each student. Discussion on whether to continue to offer this option to families.

Motion to discontinue using School Kidz Boxes. Motion was seconded.

Vote: Motion passed.

Event Roundtable:

Directory – There were around 150-160 orders. There was a delay with getting data from office so the directories will probably go home next week.

Movie night – Thursday, Nov. 8. (There is no school Fri or Mon.) The cost of the license increased to \$250. Will need volunteers. After the movie selection is finalized, promotional materials will go out.

Art Literacy – Have done two classes this year. There are a few classes with no volunteers, yet. It is a two hour commitment each month, after receiving training. The PTC normally pays the District a \$200 program fee. This year, the District waived the fee and the PTC purchased an iPad with that money. The iPad works with the technology in the classrooms.

Budget Updates – Changes from last year include increasing each teacher's budget and adding custodial staff, kitchen staff, office staff and school nurse. Field trip expenses are coming in. The PTC spent the entire InnovatED budget. There is about \$900 left in the school supply budget for incidentals during the school year.

Open Items:

New PTC Logo – Parent Valerie Ristau designed a new logo that is copier/printer friendly.

Parent Survey – As of Monday evening, received responses from 18 new families and 20 existing families.

Dine Out – The next Dine Out is 10/23 from 11:00am-9:00pm at Laughing Planet. 15% will come back to PTC.

Office Need – Some younger children have accidents. The office requested 2 packages of underwear for boys and girls. A volunteer will fulfill this request.

Wishing Tree – In prior years, teachers could post requests on a “tree” in the school entryway. Discussion on whether and how to transition to a digital wish list. Even if the item is consumable, it is a gift to the school and not to an individual teacher; families do not need to worry about the \$50 donation per teacher limit. The PTC will have further discussion with office staff on whether items can be shipped to the office or need to be dropped off in classrooms by teachers or students.

Author Erica Babino – Ms. Babino has authored two books. She works with businesses, families and schools on diversity, positive speaking and conflict resolution. The concept of Speaking in Green is that green words make conversations go and red words make conversations stop. The goal is to work on identifying positive speech and how to resolve conflict. The book is geared to 2nd-5th graders, but a broader audience understands the concept. There is also an accompanying interactive website and activities for children.

Principal update – Social emotional learning: working on common tools and common language to support students. Working on parent education opportunities; will be asking parents for feedback on best times and subjects of interest. Needed to reschedule Treats and Talks to Friday. The school counselor and success coach will be leading Treats and Talks to start the conversation about parent education opportunities. Staff developers will be at the school this week.

Adjourn at 8:11pm.