

9/17/2020 MPAPA Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees:

Michelle Mick
Barry Madore
Yuki Miyokawa
Shari Jacobus
Anissa Mediger
Sandy Martinek
Kim Jakway
DeeDee Chenning
Julie Bixby
Susan Knapp

Agenda:

Agenda and Minutes approved and seconded.

Financial statement for the month of September approved.

Micro-funding for Upper school Juniors- They want to do a virtual field trip for the Junior class and requested \$110 to help cover the \$450 cost. Approved and seconded.

Request sent for extra funding for teacher appreciation. Approved and seconded.

Budget- Our available funds for the year are \$49,726.00. Faculty and Staff coordinators are asking for extra funds in order to spoil the MPA staff during this difficult year. We are doubling the LS Halloween party budget because this is an event that can happen outside. We will leave other parties as is since we don't know what the future holds. Grade social budgets will be doubled. Discussion about setting up an angel fund for families in need. A motion was brought up about the PA room not being very welcoming to parents as a place to gather and feel like a place they could use. Will table for later. Parent education was doubled since we don't have an idea of what the plans are for the year. Completed first draft of budget and will send out to board members for discussion.

Discussion and Updates:

PA Development- What is our communication process. Is there another way to communicate besides Panther Post. Would like to see better communication for the Wednesday parent gathering. Could we use our Schoology groups to get weekly updates on PA happenings? What is the school protocol for mass emails to families? Facebook?

MPAPA Board Meeting scheduling-

Kick Off Events- Sparsely attended. Lower school talked about how to handle the usual events that can't be handled due to current events. Upper and Lower school was basically an introduction to PA.

Parent Connect- We will be meeting on Wednesday mornings for the time being.

Neighborhood Coffees- Do we want to try this year with the current conditions? Let's table the coffees until Spring.

Parent Education- We have been looking into a gender identity and racial diversity discussion group. With the Zoom format, the cost is minimal so maybe we could hold more meetings with discussion for parents. We should find out what topics the parents are interested in.

Future discussion:

Review and approve this year's budget.

Figure out LS party coordinators.

Reach out to book festival and culture day coordinators to see what their plans are.