

Parents Association Executive Board
Meeting Recap
Thursday November 10, 2016
Parents Association Room



Mission: To be an effective community building arm of Mounds Park Academy focusing on awareness and inclusivity of our diverse community.

Introductions

- As needed

Document Distribution

- Agenda (Amanda/Christine)
- 2016-17 Budget (Tricia)
- October Meeting Minutes sent via email by Cari Simonson

Discussion

- Micro Fund Requests – Sandra Schreur Jones – YOGA CALM UPDATE – REQUEST APPROVED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE. LAST YEAR THE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON MORE OF A MENTAL COMPONENT BY TEACHING CLASSROOM TECHNIQUES. THIS YEAR THEY NOW WANT TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE PHYSICAL COMPONENTS LIKE POSES. THE COST IS \$750 FOR 10 WEEKS. THE HOPE IS THAT NEXT YEAR THE PROGRAM WILL BE PART OF THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND NOT PA SPONSORED.
- Vote on October Minutes – APPROVED WITH NO CHANGES
- Chair & Committee recruitment:
 - Staff & Faculty Appreciation – NO UPDATES
 - Book Festival – THERE IS NO “CHAIR” PER SE, BUT WE HAVE A PERSON WHO IS WILLING TO BE STRONGLY INVOLVED. THERE IS A GOOD LIST OF VOLUNTEERS ALREADY. THE EVENT WILL BE FEBRUARY 21-24 AND WILL POSSIBLY HAVE A DR. SEUSS THEME.
 - MS Café – THIS EVENT WILL BE MARCH 6-10. POSSIBLE FRENCH THEME. IF NOT A FRENCH THEME, THEN COULD TRY TO TIE IT TO NOSTALGIA WEEK. POSSIBLY WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL TO FIGURE OUT A THEME, BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE THE THEME TO BE A SURPRISE AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN. WE WILL WORK WITH STEVE FROM SAGE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE KIDS LIKE TO EAT, SO THAT MEALS CAN BE BETTER PLANNED. ALREADY HAVE A GOOD, SOLID LIST OF SNACKS THAT SELL WELL. SANDRA SCHREUR JONES WILL HELP COORDINATE, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING VOLUNTEERS OR DO ANY ART. KIM JAKWAY HAS OFFERED TO SIT IN ON STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS IF DECIDED THEY SHOULD BE INVOLVED. SHE ALSO WOULD CHAIR IF NO ONE ELSE SIGNS UP.
- Upcoming Dates –
 - Staff & Faculty Appreciation –
 - Gift Wrapping – December 12 (Monday) – HAVE A \$250 BUDGET IF NEEDED. THERE IS PAPER ETC IN STORAGE AND FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DONATE

ANY UNWANTED/LEFTOVER PAPER. AN EMAIL WILL GO OUT TO STAFF AS A REMINDER TO BRING GIFTS IN TO BE WRAPPED AND AS A WAY TO GET A FEEL FOR HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE BRINGING GIFTS IN.

Cultural Celebrations -

- Christmas - December 14 (Wednesday) - FELIZ NAVIDAD THEME. WORKING WITH SAGE TO DO A MEXICAN CHRISTMAS MEAL. MS KUNZE WILL HAVE US SCHOOL STUDENTS SING CAROLS. THE HALLWAY WILL BE DECORATED WITH LIGHTS. THE HALLWAY WILL BE LINED WITH POINSETTIAS (WILL NEED 120 SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM TO ALL STAFF AS A GIVE AWAY), BUT THEY ARE GOING OVER BUDGET. WORKING ON GETTING A BETTER DEAL ON PLANTS. UPDATE TO FOLLOW.
- Chinese New Year - January 26 (Thursday) - SAGE IS PROVIDING THE FOOD FOR THIS AS IT IS ON THE LUNCH MENU FOR THE DAY. COULD POSSIBLY USE THE SAVINGS FROM THE FOOD FOR THIS EVENT TO COVER THE EXTRA COST OF THE POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. COSTS FOR THIS EVENT WOULD BE FOR DECORATIONS.

Division Chair Updates

- Co-Presidents: Amanda & Christine - Projects - BOTH IN ATTENDANCE
- Board of Trustees Rep: Karen - Update - NOT IN ATTENDANCE
- Treasurer: Tricia - Report - IN ATTENDANCE - BUDGET LOOKS GOOD FOR OCTOBER. MAGAZINE CHECKS STILL SLOWLY TRICKLING IN (RECEIVED ONE THIS MONTH).
- Secretary: Cari - Report - IN ATTENDANCE
- LS Division Chair: Wendy - Report - IN ATTENDANCE
- MS Division Chair: Kim - Report - IN ATTENDANCE - MS EDUCATION EVENT WENT WELL. TIME WILL BE CHANGED TO 8:15 FOR THE NEXT MEETING. THE MS PARENT COFFEE WENT WELL ALSO. WILL HAPPEN ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH NEW QUARTER.
- US Division Chair: Elizabeth - Report - IN ATTENDANCE - US SCHOOL MEETING ON 11/11. PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE MEETING WILL BE THE MAKERSPACE. THE MAKERSPACE WILL BE COMMITTED TO CREATIVITY OF ALL TYPES. PRESSURES OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. WILL TALK ABOUT HELPING THE KIDS LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THEM AND HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR KIDS. MR SEGAL ALSO HAS AN ARTICLE TO DISCUSS. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 5 PM IS THE US FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER. AMANDA CAMPBELL WILL HELP WITH THE DINNER. THEY ARE EXPECTING AROUND 40 PEOPLE FOR THE DINNER. FOOD WILL BE CATERED BY COSETTA'S.

Next PA Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, December 8. Thank you for ALL you do!