

Minutes of MPA PA Board Meeting – November 8, 2018 - Meeting commenced at 8:05 am

In attendance Kim Jakway, Seema Anwar, Meredith Forgosh, Barry Madore, Russ Purdy, Sue Knapp and Tara Lafferty

1. Approved September & October meeting minutes.
  2. Discussed how to send/give 'Thank You's' to teachers who helped students with their college applications. Will discuss with Lisa Pederson what, when and how would be the best way to accomplish this.
  3. The Sport Swap will be held on 11/26. MS student counsel will help run it. Donations for the sport swap will be collected now through 11/16.
  4. Book Festival planning meeting and gift wrapping are both on 11/30. It is anticipated that there will not be a conflict and that both can occur simultaneously between the PA room and the cafeteria.
  5. Microfunding: Barry and Meredith will meet with Seema to modify the Microfunding Application. Some suggestions include but are not limited to: no deadline, no limit per division (leave it as flexible as possible), and discourage repeat requests.
  6. Education Events:  
LS Education Event will be around the Book Festival  
MS Education Event will be the last week in November and most likely focus on 'Psychology and the Good Life'
- There is an All Parent Coffee at 8am on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, which is being billed as a PA event. However, the PA knows nothing about it. Need to determine if this is part of the grade rep budget, development or the PA.
7. **Because we feel it is not in-line with our mission and out of concern for adhering to the school allergy policy, we will not be asking an MPA family to donate pies on the Parents Association's behalf.** This was not a PA initiative last year. It was an in-kind donation. Barry will communicate this to Christine.
  8. For after school concerts dinners will be offered to families from Sage by sending out forms and having interested families complete the forms and return them to school along with their payment a week prior to the concert.
  9. MS cocoa went well – was paid for from PA MS budget.

10. Neighborhood coffees – some were well attended and some were not. In future see where the biggest concentrations of families live and perhaps hold the coffees in those areas. Proposed coffees in spring in locations convenient to new families.
11. Web Site: Sue needs to make a few modifications and then will submit it to Natalie Seum who will launch it.
12. Board decided that the PA should remain a separate independent entity and not become a part of the school (this was approved at the August meeting). The Board will review this issue in February when the ISACS report comes to see what, if anything, ISACS said about the PA's independent status.
13. The Board approved that the PA will get General Liability Insurance for \$566 and the D&O insurance for \$767, as was previously discussed.
14. Kim will try to get the MPA's Umbrella policy from Hudson (as he mentioned he would do at the meeting on 10/11).
15. It was discussed that the Panther Post is not a good vehicle of getting the PA information to the MPA community. The PA will create a news letter and send it out in December (to cover all events from January to spring break) and in April (to include events from spring break to the end of the school year). Perhaps include a PA calendar of all known PA events in the school directory.
16. The PA will decorate the cafeteria this holiday season, but it will not be a continual PA initiative.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20