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PTA Exec meeting

Online meeting. 31 January 2023

ATTENDEES

Lilya G, Eliza, Fatima, Marina Y, Mia, and Jodie

Book drive feedback

Positive

- Sold less books than last year but made more money
- Gave more prizes than last year
- 95 books to be donated to charity (link below)
- https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16ZUUPThMcEMwE18ajBeYvr9sYC6ig_2t/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108844912110433437551&rtpof=true&sd=true
- This company helps children and adults to create special educational programs. Company recommended by Ms Tanya.

Negative

- Problem when teachers did not put the name or class on the book. So we couldn't identify who the book came from.
 - Next time: Send a list to each teacher to complete with name of student and how many books were collected
 - Mention to parents to include the name or child on the book.
 - Made a small presentation about Book Drive (why it's important, for what PTA collects money, who will win from this initiative).

Additional suggestions

- Would like to see greater parental involvement next time. Starts with a greater presentation from PTA at the beginning of the year about what the PTA does and makes it more inclusive as a community event

Air Purifiers

- There are currently air purifiers in all classrooms (main campus & Edelweiss)
- Will be communicated to parents during the general PTA meeting - by Mr. OB.
- Principals (EY and PYP) have communicated the air quality control process in their weekly letters.
- Jodie asked if Mr OB could address it in his weekly newsletter this week. It has not been in MYP or DP letters as yet. Need a 'whole school approach' by Mr OB.

Finance planning of PTA for next year and PTA remuneration

- Discussed in the Board meeting last week.
- Question about PTA finance
 - Spoke about the PTA Kaspi account. Again there are problems as we can't have our own account and proposed that the school help with this.
 - We will discuss it again with the Board and finance team.
 - Suggestion to include \$ 5-10 in each bill from the students per year, this will fund many PTA activities and allow some events to be free. This will allow more money to be used for community events
- PTA remuneration for Exec team
 - Financial motivation to join the exec team.
 - Liza said that it could attract professional people to join the exec team.
 - But OB is against
 - Potential to have something from next year.
 - Liliya will try to clarify all questions by April, before next PTA nominations.
 - Jodie cautioned on this idea. She said we should rather angle the idea in a way that shows how important PTA is, why should parents join, what are the benefits. Need to communicate what our goals are. Not to ask parents to join PTA based on what they get back. Try to get people who want to be involved.
 - PTA 'reward ' would involve a more formalized management system of the PTA team.
 - The questions is how we can show adequate appreciation to exec team
 - How can we expect high quality work from the PTA without any motivation?
 - Better support from the school.
 - Fight for a PTA link in the parent portal - how can parents get involved, what the PTA is doing, events, etc.
 - Marina Y gave an example about a class that had no idea what PTA had done. And when she told them, they were surprised.
 - PTA letters should be whatsappped to all parents as well as emailed.
 - Do smaller things better. Focus on things that have been done in the past and how to do these things better.

Food tender process

- Mr OB will make final decision
- No further food meetings as yet

Update on class reps for PYP

- Still no rep for EA and 5A. Need to speak to Ms Elena
- Teachers of EA should contact new parents and get them to join the class whatsapp group.

- Contact the teacher and ask for help (Marina Y) (I propose to set up the suitable deadline)

Update of gala dinner preparations

- Last meeting was successful, and more updates by the end of the week.
- Sponsors have been found for drinks and prizes.
- Entertainment will depend on venue

General PTA meeting

- Date confirmed with Mr OB - Feb 21st
- 13:30 - 15:00
- Meeting postponed due to OB's trip to Washington
- Agenda tbc
 - Next year nominations for Exec board
 - Update of Gala dinner, sell tickets
 - Air purifiers update by OB (Edelweiss and main campus)
 - Parent portal update & small instructions how to use it
- Zoom meeting needs better microphone
 - School needs to invest in a speaker that amplifies everyone's voices and sends everything on one medium
 - Lilya confirmed that School has such a speaker but it has not been installed yet. Will try to instal before next General PTA meeting (Liliya to follow up with IT)

Next Exec meeting : February 14