



December 2, 2020
PTO Board Meeting
6:00pm
Zoom

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Ken Sorey at **6:05 pm**. **16** members present. Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

Mr Avent Update

- Thanks to PTO and Coach D for Relief Funds. Families have been very appreciative.
- District purchased Surface PCs for every teacher in the district. Handing them out.
- Tracking attendance – attendance team is trying to track down students who aren't coming to class. Often tied to similar issues with Relief Funds.
- Weekly awards to staff members who keep track of attendance well.
- Receiving outreach from elementary schools plus new high schools.
 - Bishop O'Dowd wants to increase the number of public school kids at the school.
 - Naomi notes that previously PTO has made conscious choice not to have private/Parochial schools present.
 - Mr. Runge presents teacher opinion that we shouldn't advertise private schools.
- Mr. Avent believes 6-12 will be distance learning all year.

Mini-Grants

- Naomi needs help with mini-grants, reaching out to teachers and forming a committee.
- Could we do two cycles: Jan and March?
- Naomi to draft email. Kenny will help get it out.

Relief fund – Dunia

- 6 families have been helped so far - \$200 per family.
- Looks like quite a few families will need help this month, but can't get hold of them.
- Working with Ms. Howard and Ms. Harambe.
- \$4700 raised so far, plus supplies from PTO.

Glow and Grow – Follow Up

- Did follow-up happen?

- Jen made a spreadsheet of comments and contact.
- Only 2 people need to be followed up with – Jen can call.

Parent Affinity Meetings – PTO Reps?

- Follow-up Affinity Meetings begin this week (tomorrow).
- Would like to have PTO rep attend, plus pitch upcoming board opportunities (8 positions will turn over next year).
- Naomi, Dunia, and Kimberley went to the first AA meeting, but there weren't people who were super interested in joining the PTO.
- Mr. Avent can present the positions and then we can do outreach.

Virtual Tours – Jen

- First tour went pretty well. Need more opportunity for parents/students to ask questions of parents/students.
- 118 signed up, but 80 or so showed up. 70 signed up for Spanish tour.
- Additional Q&A events for families, rather than school nuts and bolts.
- Next week's tour is in Spanish – Slides are translated + one parent.
 - Need to confirm who is running tour, plus need students.
 - Reach out to Latinx affinity group. Mr. Avent will ask Ms. Harambe.
- Not a lot of questions, might not need 5 parents for each tour.
- School specific: Montclair, Thornhill, JM, etc.
 - Need people who have connection with those families in elementary school. Email Jen if have connections.
- Poss. Repurposing January meeting as a parent panel, outreach to prospective families.

Update on Tech Group – Lauren

- Tried to reach back out to Tech group to try to get some general feedback, plus tried to get access to survey.
- Tech group has possibly dissolved due to delay.
- Staff meets every Monday and Friday morning. Post poll on running PPT?
- Mr. Runge would like feedback from parents/kids on how it's going.
 - Maybe coming from the PTO would get honest responses.
 - Repurpose effort to get feedback from families and give to teachers.
 - Send link out via Schoology, not in eBulletin.
 - Follow up in cluster groups for kids.
- Mini back to school nights at the beginning of quarter to set expectations.
- Lauren will take a first pass at survey.

Website – Katherine and Lauren

- Katherine and Lauren have made suggestion about changes to navigation.
- Some changes have been implemented to site for clarity.
- Mr. Runge: Auction is hard to find on the site currently. Link is dead link.

Communications – Welcome Ilan Penson

- Ilan will be taking over communication

Fundraising Updates

- Woodshop auction is going well – bids up to \$1800 right now.
- Sent out notifications to about 5k people from email lists. Was in Montclarion as well.
- Book Event Sat at 11. Ms. Rogers + GGP. Will talk about YA books, plus will do some raffles.
- Hospitality team is collecting donations for December care packages.
- Loryn has two people to put together family bingo/game night in February.
- Fundraising : Giving Tuesday 3k donations. Doing well with fundraising.

Parent Workshop Series – Raine and Sharon

- Dec. 17th Meeting Discussion – Equity Allies is coming.
- Hope to involve parents in conversation, how can we lead a conversation with parents.
- Has anything come up in Affinity groups that we can bring in as topic for conversation?
- Equity conversation, parents within Montera community.
- Planning workshops for spring to coincide with general meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 7:06pm

Next Meeting:

General – Dec. 17, 6-7:30pm (Equity Allies)

PTO Board – Jan. 5, 6-7pm

Board Members Present:

Ken Sorey – President

Kenny Shea Dinkin – First Vice President

Naomi Levy - Treasurer

Loryn Hudson – VP Fundraising

Lauren Addicott – VP Volunteer Coordinator

Raine Dougan – VP Volunteer Coordinator

Katherine Falk – VP Technology

Dunia Wilder – VP Academic Enhancement

Bobbi Babineau-Lounds – VP Facilities

Jennifer Wilkins – VP Outreach and Membership

Ilan Penson – VP Communications

Trudy Brown – Recording Secretary

Kimberly Delaney – Financial Secretary

Daria Dimitrioff – Parliamentarian

Darren Avent – Principal

Eric Runge – Faculty Representative

Minutes prepared by: Trudy Brown