

Sakai PTO October 4, 2019

Attendees: Jim Corsetti, Morgan Rohrbach, Smiley Grace Kulesza, Alicia Bye, Ann Jessen, Shannon Jacobson, Eileen Wold, Joy Tappen, Lisa Timmins, Lori Hungerford, Tamzin Boyce, Kimberly Dewey, Kristen Mills, Lisa Marin Kovich, Nancy Heinze-Kohn, Shannon Treverton, Lindsay Marshall, Heidi Umphenour.

Welcome and Introductions: Morgan - Everyone introduced and recognized

PTOCC Updates: Discussion of possibly reinstating the art docent program. Various ideas were put forward.

COHO RUN Update: Things are moving along nicely. We are currently at \$14,400 right now. Some volunteers are needed Monday to count money. Note - the person that was going to coordinate the celebration has had to step down. We are now actively seeking a new volunteer to head up the celebration effort. Please consider volunteering for this.

Volunteer Update: Lori - October is a busy month! Lori is looking for some help with health screenings October 15th. Conference lunches - Oct 17th and 18th - she is looking for a person to help manage the flow of the day. Sakai Reads is Oct 24th. There will be 62 book groups, so she will be starting to coordinate group leaders in the upcoming week - the teachers will be helping with this effort. Jim and Kim Koistra will be doing volunteer orientations for Sakai Reads on the 15th and the 22nd to give parent volunteers some guidelines. It is a morning time commitment. She is also still looking for helpers for the game room, makers space and Read Naturally.

Band Update: Mr Shine - Mr Shine dropped by just to say thank you to the PTO for their support and help.

Sustainability Update: Eileen - There is a new district chair for sustainability. There is a district-wide push to increase these programs at each school. The district-wide meeting this past week was very productive. Eileen and Amy will be undertaking an assessment of sustainability at Sakai. They are planning to promote student-led initiatives. There was a very successful beach cleanup as the initial kick-off for the COHO RUN. Another focus will be to strive for parent engagement - perhaps a parent night out at the Scrappy Art location. This would be a small group, but a focused group to concentrate on sustainability efforts at Sakai. The TREKS will be starting again soon - this year we may be participating as a district. Other schools are very interested in joining in. Earth Week plans are a work in progress. Lunch Waste was also a topic at the district meeting - there was a brief discussion of bringing reusable flatware to Sakai - a similar effort to what is ongoing at Woodward.

Arts and Traditions Update: Jim - January 11th (Sat) will be the celebration commemorating Kay Sakai's 100th birthday party and the Sakai community itself. It will be from 11am - 12. The celebration will also involve art tours of various art works in the school itself. The Sakai Arts Tour for 5th graders is also coming up later in the month.

Budget: Kimberly - Nothing necessary for approval.

Communications: Brenda - Information is only being sent out through the COHO newsletter right now. Brenda needs information to be sent out in the newsletter by Monday night the week of publication. Please send submissions to Brenda and not to Iris. The goal is to have room parents for each classroom to help disseminate information going forward. There is also a vision of the room parents serving as coordinators for some social gatherings for classroom families/parents.

Grants info and Update: Heidi - This process is just starting. Iris has the applications to give to teachers. Heidi is asking for the applications to be returned by the 25th of October. BSF will not be having a fall grant process this year. Teachers will be getting this information soon - this may impact grant requests this fall.

Principal Update: - Jim - There is a football game tonight and another on the 18th. Jim has had some feedback that Sakai students attending the games has been problematic and disruptive. A message will be sent out to parents today that Sakai students going to games need to be accompanied and supervised. They must also stay in and around the home bleachers.

Spirit Wear - Shannon - A total of 158 items were sold.

Upcoming Dates:

Oct 7th - need PTO volunteers to count COHO RUN money

Oct 17&18 - Teachers luncheon

Oct 24th - Sakai Reads

Oct 31st - Halloween Party/COHO RUN celebration

Nov 10th - Pool Party for top 4 team fundraisers

Nov 22nd - Bingo Night - Chili Cookoff Theme - Discussion - may change this to the book fair evening night to combine the two. Morgan will check with Iris to see if that date is available. It is possible that we could combine the coat drive with these two events.