

Sakai PTO September 13, 2019

Attendees: Jim Corsetti, Morgan Rohrbach, Smiley Grace-Kulesza, Alicia Bye, Caroline Reed, Kim Jage, Courtney Cook, Lindsay Browning, Kristen Mills, Madhu Prakash, Bridget Lockett, Kimberly Dewey, Brenda Norris, Sue Korol, Samantha Everett, Lisa Timmins, Tracey Hines.

Welcome and introductions - Morgan and all

Volunteer Update/Open Positions - Lori Hungerford- Looking for positions to be filled - She would love to find a person to coordinate the game room volunteers. She has several people willing to work - just looking for a coordinator. She is also still looking for game room and makers space volunteers. She also needs someone to help with the teacher appreciation luncheon - it's a nice short term/one day commitment. Sakai Reads is October 24th this year, so look for communications about that.

PTO Positions Still Open- Morgan - We are still wanting to fill several board positions. We need help with the fundraiser - specifically we need a co-chair, a procurement person and a party coordinator. These three are all positions that will be filled in the fall. MAC - Multicultural Advisory Committee - We also need a parent to attend the MAC meetings and serve as a liaison between them and Sakai PTO.

Enrichment Overview - Shannon Jacobsen - Shannon is the new enrichment chair. She will be meeting with Smiley, Jim and Morgan to come up with a schedule for the year. Jim gave a quick overview of past enrichment activities.

Arts and Traditions - Samantha Everett - Kay Sakai is turning 100 this year, so the birthday celebration will be even more special this year. Sakai is turning 20 this year, so this will also be a focus. Stay tuned for information about the 5th Grade Art Tour, Cherry Blossom Celebration, Salmon Release and more

Budget Discussion 2019-20 - Morgan and Kimberley - The general budget was provided and Morgan gave a brief summary. This budget was approved 6/7/2019.

Grants - Heidi and Jeff of Blackbird Bakery will be handling the grants program this year. Morgan offered a brief overview of our program. Lisa noted that BSF grants will be awarded in the spring. That will change how we review our grants slightly.

Website Update - Courtney for PTOCC: The goal is to go to a common website for all PTO's. Each of the schools will have a pull down menu. But it should be more structured and centralized for parent access. Kim Jage - in charge of our website. She will be building the website going forward to make sure that communications are disseminated to the school community. Brenda Norris will be working with her to get information out to the community.

Fall Fundraiser - Smiley-Grace Kulesza - Again - Smiley needs a co-chair. Please contact her with interest. There was discussion regarding the title of the fall fundraiser. "Math-a-thon" is perhaps deceptive in that kids aren't really completing a math project or math goal. The structure as far as classroom competitions and prizes go will remain the same. There was a long discussion about various options for giving and equity. Smiley will set up a meeting date with various interested parents.

Principal Update - Jim Corsetti - Quick update - enrollment is down at 475 children. It's the first time the school has been below 500. The lower enrollment has resulted in several budget cuts

and some staffing cuts. Currently there is no assistant principal. The specialist staffing has diminished as library, PE and counseling hours. The impacts are not necessarily felt in the classrooms, but the specialists have had to switch things a lot. The specialists so far have attempted to spread their time and efforts so programs have not had to be cut, and are doing a great job. He will continue to work with teachers and specialists to achieve balance even with fewer hours to work with.

Upcoming Events -

Sept 16th Band Instrument Night
Sept 17th 5th Grade Parent Night
Sept 19th 6th Grade Parent Night
Sept 27th Fundraiser Kick Off Day