

Sakai PTO Meeting Jan 10, 2020

Attendees: Jim Corsetti, Morgan Rohrbach, Alicia Bye, Brenda Norris, Lori Hungerford, Trevor Hughes, Kate Cressall, Heidi Umphenour, Cathy Weiss

Welcome and Introductions:

Arts and Humanities Bainbridge Presentation: Inez Mauban Jones - “To connect you to the abundance of creativity, to empower and inspire”. Teresa Marchinek (teaching artist) spoke to the group. Teresa shared the message centered around how the program works: Bainbridgecurrents/arts ed - provides a list of available teaching artists and is available for parents and teachers to access. Pamela Lee also addressed the group. She emphasized that programs can be easily geared to the needs of the specific school/classroom/teacher. She also went through an overview of some of the current programs. They are very passionate about infusing arts into public education! Please go to the website and learn more.

Volunteer Update: - Lori - January Conference luncheons are coming up January 22-24th. A sign up genius will be forthcoming to provide lunch on Wednesday, healthy snacks for all and bagels and fruit on another day. The food drive will be February 3rd-14th.

Sustainability Update: Eileen Wold - The kids have started with a global approach and throughout the spring will localize down to Sakai. Right now, they are in the process of coming up with a way to vote for an animal and the conservation efforts surrounding the animal - Whoever “wins” will be adopted for a year. They meet the last Tuesday of every month in the morning at 7:45. Upcoming focus will be on Earth Week and on the Treks campaign. We are now using reusable flatware in the cafeteria.

Arts and Traditions Update:

Communications:

Grants info and Update:

Principal Update: Tomorrow there will be speeches and presentations tomorrow from 12-1 honoring Kay Sakai. After the formal part, there will be self-guided art tours around Sakai with artists acting as docents.

Arts and Traditions: Invitation to 6th grade “Leaving Our Island” presentation the first week of March.

Mini Mart: Discussion about changing our format to model something more like Blakelys. IE - used items, before Christmas, wrapped items, etc.