

# **Sakai PTO Meeting**

## **Thursday, February 27, 2025 - 9am**

### **Agenda**

Attendees: Jennifer Campbell, Brandi Cypher, Maryanne Phillips Bellman, Drew Crandall, Deanna Morris, Erica Beyer, Lara Deits, Michelle Hobbs, Jenni Koppersmith, Chastity Maletesta, Magda Pratt

#### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

- **Principal's Update - Drew Crandall:** The Food Drive happened and was really successful, despite the snow days. The food drive works towards the theme of "Community" that Sakai tries to teach starting with incoming 5th graders and their introduction to the school community. 6h graders are currently going through Leaving Our Island which will happen next week on Wednesday March 5th with Living Voices. Families of internment survivors, or survivors themselves, will come speak to students. Book discussions will happen in the afternoon.
  - Jennie K would like to create an initiative to see how we can capture stories of the individuals who are coming to tell their stories as these individuals are getting older and we have fewer return every year.
  - Thursday March 6th is the incoming new Sakai families night. Drew will be talking to incoming families about what Sakai looks like right now, with the understanding that changes may happen due to budget cuts. Magda asked about setting up a PTO table during this night however Drew mentioned that it may not be the most productive night to recruit PTO as the new families tend to get overwhelmed. Jenni K mentioned what if we set it up for the end, this feels like a better option. The session ends at 8:05.
  - Drew volunteered to restart going back to the elementary school PTO meetings to recruit families for Sakai PTO.
  - Anxious Generation Book Chat: went really well, a lot of families said they enjoyed the night and families also communicated to Drew that they were not able to attend but did read the book.

- Salmon: They are now fry and they're starting to be fed. They will be released the week before spring break.
- Ice Cream Day tomorrow, February 28th, at 11:55
- Recommendation re a 20 min recess before lunch - per Drew, they've tried it and it wasn't very successful because it's hard to get kids back off of the playground, but, there are a lot of benefits to being able to do it this way.
- **Treasurer's Report - Lara Deits:** We've raised a lot and are in a great place from a budget perspective. We need to get Spirit Wear going for next year and we'll have the kids pick new colors. Magda and Jennifer Campbell will tackle this project together.
  - Drew has two new expense requests: One is for the PE teacher to start a Play Club (based on a suggestion in Anxious Generation). The other is for next years budget (2025-2026), he'd like to get a full-school IXL Math account. This year there were about 170 licenses purchased for kids who need help. If they were able to buy a site license, they could give bonus activities to kids who would benefit from it, etc. This would be around \$10,000.
- **Sakai Community Parent Night:** This will be March 19th at Sisters Cider, for every drink anyone purchases, Sisters will donate \$1 to Sakai. Will do Fletcher Bay in May/June.
- **Previous Business to Review:**
  - Sakai Community Focus Group;
  - Coho Crunch Fundraiser; Erica is talking to Amii about renting out the district central kitchen for the time in the summer that the kitchen is not being used. Each school could create its own food product to sell out of a food truck. Could happen at Island Cup in the summer.
  - Sakai Contra Dance

## **New Business**

- **Sakai Incoming Family night on Thursday March 6th** - Do we want to do a PTO table there?

## **Adjourn**