



PTSA LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING 12/5/11

In attendance at the meeting were Amy Daly-Donovan, Sandy Sanford, Pam Lang, Nancy Swenson, Ted Reed, Nancy McHenry Dirks, Elliot Toler-Scott, Fionnuala O'Sullivan, and Leslie Menstell. We were joined by Alison Enochs, the school nurse, who has graciously volunteered to be the staff/teacher liaison with the PTSA. Welcome, Alison!

DEBRIEF ON 12/1 PTSA GENERAL MEETING

19 parents have signed up to participate in the Principal's Book Club.

The East African parents have indicated a desire to become more involved and indicated a concern regarding math for their students. A discussion of hosting a "math night/workshop" to provide information regarding what types of math are available at school and providing more information about the resources for math help both inside and outside the school was discussed. Nancy McHenry Dirks will be on a committee to explore bringing such a program in the winter/spring of 2012. Ted Reed will communicate with the director of the Community Center at Highpoint regarding availability of space for holding such a session. Kathleen Steele has indicated that she is interested in working on this project also. Contact will be made by Sandy Sanford with Mr. Mohammed (Somali interpreter) to facilitate communication with that community.

BUDGET/FUNDRAISING

Great "thank you" card from students in autism program was shared. The thank you was in response to the PTSA funding a request for assistance with field trips for this program.

Fionnuala O'Sullivan will follow up with the request by the Special Ed teacher for funding relating to an iPad for use in that program.

Annual campaign just received a \$750 donation putting the fund at \$7,450.

Auction work is moving forward. Sponsors are being sought this month. Procurement of items will begin in January. There is a need for a lot of volunteer help on the day of the auction. Stay tuned for more details.

Training for additional people to work the Greater Giving software will be scheduled in January.

BLT/CAPACITY ISSUES

District is not looking at high school capacity issues yet. BLT is discussing short term issues of how to provide additional classroom space within building now. It was clarified that purchase of a portable is \$135,000 each.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Mr. Kinsey, the interim principal, is up for consideration for the regular appointment as principal at Sealth in approximately March 2012. The staff is working on making sure the opportunity for comments/input is provided with sufficient time for the community to consider and respond. It is anticipated this decision may be coming in March.

Despite some rumors, there is currently no plan being studied which would eliminate the honors classes at Sealth.

There will not be a formally scheduled parent/teacher conference period. However, all parents should feel free to contact their student's teachers via email or telephone whenever there is an issue to discuss.

TWO KEY STRATEGY AREAS FROM SEPTEMBER PTSA GENERAL MEETING

An issue put forward by someone at the September General Meeting was how to provide a more diverse and enthusiastic volunteer base. The goal of good, regular communication was discussed. Additional efforts to reach out to specific communities like the Somali, Latino and Filipino communities were discussed. Directly asking someone to participate in a specific project (not too large) is a good idea. Sandy Sanford is going to follow up with the Somali/East Africa community to if there is someone in that community who would like to join the PTSA Leadership team as a liaison.

Ideas for cleaning up and staffing the Clothing Closet were discussed. Kelli Horn will be asked to provide some input and to define specific days/time when she thinks it would be helpful to have a volunteer present at the Clothing Closet so it could be open to students who need access without having to find a staff member to let them in.

Several ideas for interesting/accessible general meetings in 2012 were discussed and will be pursued at the January PTSA Leadership meeting.

NEXT PTSA BOARD MEETING IS JANUARY 9, 2012.

THE GENERAL PTSA MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2/1/12 MAY NEED TO BE MOVED – STAY TUNED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:
PTSA Leadership Team 12/5/11 Meeting Agenda