

## **PTSO Notes 1/10/2024**

Meeting called to order at 4:35

PTSO is still in need of an advocacy chair and fundraising committee chair.

There are 80 kids enrolled for next year. There were 25 new families enrolled this fall and there are 6 new families enrolled for next year.

Mrs. Duncan wondered if PTSO has a flyer she can show on tours for new families. Ron has one he will send her.

### **Faculty News:**

- There will be an open house April 6th during Belleville Main Street Family Day. This is all hands on deck. It's a Saturday. More info will be given when we know it. It's a good way to get our name out there. It will be a four hour event. We can have performances, art show, etc. We will need volunteers. Students could get community service hours. We can do a booth similar to booths for private schools at STL Art Fair Children Village where kids are in charge and have information available to get us on people's radar. We can advertise by taking out ads and utilizing social media. There are good sponsors we may be able to introduce to our school with this event.
- Mrs. Duncan says the teacher wishlists weren't as successful as hoped so hoping that teacher appreciation in May will go better. Suggested we change physical placement of wishes. Suggested groupme or other service used to make sure everything is communicated effectively. Suggested a virtual list with QR code.

### **Old Business:**

- Reece's project: Financials all figured out. Shelves were repainted and cubicles fixed. Also cleaned Form III corner. Cost \$250 total split 50/50 with the school. Mrs. Powers also bought pizza, which is reflected in totals. It was cheaper by \$250 from original expectations after a deal at Ace. You can look at the excellent results any time you are upstairs.

### **Financials:**

- \$2630.94 minus reimbursements to be made
- BoBo Pizza: we get more % depending how much we raise. Might be more fun if we have first, second, and third prizes for sales. \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift cards. Use PTSO funds for this.

- Earth Day Giveaway: \$ for a craft they take home. Mrs. Alma Olsen has been the artist helping in the past. We might be able to get seeds from the state. Or we might do trees. In the past, we have done pine, flowering, not messy trees. IL Dept. Of Natural Resources has been a good resource for us.
- Winterfest: it's Mardi Gras weekend so the safest space is the school so changing the venue to the OJC. Will need to decorate it. It's an old Hollywood theme. Dinner and dance for \$35. They can have a nonparent adult escort them if needed. We need to create student and adult spaces so the kids don't feel babysat.
- Planters: it was asked if planters could be monetized. This is a passion project Dr. Chu donates her time and money and not currently monetized in any way bc the experience is prioritized but if the kids wanted to monetize it in the future, they are welcome.
- Valentine's Day: the school does candygrams. Maybe kids can pay \$2 to dress in red or pink as a fundraiser since it is on a Wednesday so another opportunity to dress out. Bring sweets and dress up for a couple dollars. Maybe we could do this on more special days throughout the year.
- Broken windows, etc: replacement must be shatter resistant but it's \$1000/unit. We could fundraise. Open house might be able to be tied to a fundraiser for this.
- \$50-\$75 to do PTSO signs. Nikia will get more quotes.
- Family Bowling Night: Ron has a list that can help but needs others to do the legwork this year. Need to secure a date. It's usually done on a four day weekend. We can share the work on this. They'll want a flyer and tax info sheet. February 16-19 weekend looks good. 1-3pm in the past on a Saturday. Last year made about \$750. People tend to get good prizes and have fun. Make sure available since so close to VDay. Can prepay or pay in person. Two prices to incentivize paying early. Cabinet space at the school can be helpful. Encourage students to bring their friends which is good for the students and school. If they wear GFA shirts, maybe be in a special raffle.
- Suggested we might create an event binder with all the projects, fundraisers, and events we are working on and have it organized where folks can help easier and be ready the next year with the info.

Motion to end meeting by Nikia. Ron seconded. Meeting ended at 5:36.