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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 14, 2019
8:30AM in the Cafeteria

APPROVED AT March 21, 2019 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Co-President Ms. Gelinas called the meeting to order at 8:34am.
Quorum was established.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on January 17, 2019 meeting was made by Ms. Gelinas. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Josh Weinberger. The minutes were passed unanimously.

III. Standing Reports and Updates

a. Principal

Principal thanked everyone who participated in PALP. The next one will be in March. Student led conferences are upcoming for grades 3-5 and there will be information forthcoming. It is Respect for All Week. Students are all participating in different ways. Tomorrow is No One Eats Alone day- it is a national day.

b. Co-Presidents

Wellness in the Schools (WITS) is coming back. There will be tastings and labs in March. It inspires an appreciation for healthy foods like kale. Principal noted that WITS will be aligned to curriculum such as recipes written as a “how-to”. Parents were encouraged to fill out the PALP surveys. PALP surveys are confidential. We want to gauge parent needs from these surveys, to date only 21 responses.

The Child Mind Institute (CMI) has a number of different programs on how to manage behaviour in classroom how to pick up on anxiety, etc. We have had a number of PDs for staff on behaviour management and mindfulness. We are hoping to continue this partnership next year. It is focused not only on teaching the teachers but also teaching the students. CMI is able to tap into and use RULER.

c. Financial

Ms. Dugan and Mr. Alvarez reported we have raised up about \$424,000. Ms. Anandan reported we raised have about 80% of goal with less than 50% participation. While we are a little ahead of where we were last year there will be a spring push since we have more expenses to cover.

d. Committees:

i. Grants-

Ms. Polimeri reported grant applications were recently submitted for Met Opera and technology focusing laptops for upper grades. We hope to hear back by July, receive funds around January 2020 and then implement 6 to 12 months after that.

Construction in the library should be in the summer with the goal of being finished by September. This is thanks to our \$500,000 grant we received a few years ago.

We are currently in talks with SCA to implement our \$350,000 technology grant. We are now looking for ways to upkeep this in the future.

ii. Security-

Ms. Roosevelt Colmer reported on safety. We are currently working on ensuring all info is in CAASS. Currently about 1/3 of parents have had picture taken. After the mid-winter recess cards will be issued for parents with pictures. Also, the Security desk needs to be updated for new system. The school cannot lock all doors to building for fire code reasons among other reasons.

iii. Green-

Mr. Weinberger and Ms. Worth reported that after the mid-winter recess the tower garden will begin. Compost garbage established in K-3, thanks to a grant we received.

Family fun fitness meeting upcoming. For snacks and party try to limit packaging and candy. School gets money back for textiles.

e. SLT

SLT is currently working on the goals for the CEP for next year. Principal reported mostly progress monitoring at this point.

V. Event Updates

Ms. Oblad reported on upcoming events. A list will be sent out of all events upcoming for the spring.

a. Auction

Everything on track for this event. Information will be sent out soon

b. Movie Night

Two movies one for older and one for younger. Volunteers needed.

c. Book Fair

Coming up week of Parent Teacher Conferences. Volunteers needed

d. Broadway Sings

No date sent but it will likely be in April.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl D. Cambria, Recording Secretary