

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Meeting Called to Order: 9:08 AM

Attendees: Amy Adams, Kristen Bergholtz, Gina Brown, Rachel Nichols, Laura Rocca, Sadie Szrama, Andrea True

Chair Report/Misc. Announcements:

- Had hoped to have PTA evening meeting w/ Katie Wells but it hit a snag and the event was cancelled. Hoping that we may be able to regroup and do this again in the future.
- January 31 is the Spelling Bee; Liz Rudder & Virginia Hartman are going to run it.
- Talent Show: Amy Adams, ran this 12 years ago
 - Mr. DeBell is excited about this but has requested that we wait until next year to do it so that we have enough time to properly plan it.
- February 28 is the TRE Amerks Night
 - Chorus will be performing American & Canadian National Anthems
- Keep Foundation - donation in the amount of \$25 can be made to honor an educator. Information on the Keep Foundation can be found online:
<https://www.pittsfordschools.org/domain/1751>
- Roller Skating March 9-11 aligned w/ book fair.

Fund Raising:

- In response to seeing the “tea-cup” auction idea in last month’s meeting minutes Amy Adams shared a similar idea that they do in Webster: At Webster there was a group of teachers who volunteered after-school program, four sessions.
 - You’d need to arrange parent pick-up.
 - Opportunity to stay after school, be with teacher.
- Box Tops - \$375 to date, goal was \$500. Yearly goal was \$1,000, Rachel is wondering if we should drop the goal? Add an alternative fundraiser?
 - Rachel received feedback from a teacher who said that the kids really enjoy the class competition but it seems that it is mostly the parents who are doing the collection. This is difficult now because there is no way to specify which class the digital donations should be credited to.
 - Suggestion: have a bulletin board w/ thermometer to reflect how much \$ had been collected towards the goal. Maybe identify specific spending goals at levels i.e. at \$500 a gift of \$50 will go to the Maker Space.
 - Clear container to collect the box tops so that kids can see what is coming in.
- **Holiday Shop: Dec 11 & Dec 13**
 - 10th is a ½ day - PTSA meeting this day and we are using that time to set up the shop
 - Gina will create Signup Genius for teachers to sign up for shopping blocks.
 - 20 minute blocks of time

- Kristin is going to create flyer and we will include in eblast
- **Diversity & Inclusion:**
 - Tomorrow is National Kindness Day! Kindness links us together. Making paper chain links “_____ showed kindness to _____” they can fill out the form, turn them in and then the committee will create a paper chain.
 - Amy suggested that they put a drop box in the lobby.
 - Create examples that show how to fill out the form. Include example of kindness being shown to them.
 - This will be an on-going link through the first of the year.
 - Amy suggested that they speak to Mr. Rich to find out where they can hang the links.
 - May hang on bulletin boards to start.
 - Be the “I” in K I N D bulletin board - letters on the board and the kid in stand and be the “I”.
 - Best Buddies is helping with this
 - Parents can take pictures of their kids, teachers can take pictures of students...
 - After first of the year doing something that focuses on being an “upstander” verses a by-stander.
 - There is a “TRE Way Club”. They pick two kids from each 4th & 5th grade class who are not doing other activities to create posters to hang up around the school.
 - Mrs. Hems & Mrs. Ramesh run this club.
 - Mr. DeBell purchased 48 acrylic poster frames to hang, protect and reuse posters that kids make.
 - The Big Life - blog & posters available for purchase at low cost.
- Would like to still try to do an evening meeting to encourage parent involvement.
 - Looking to do this in January and focus on diversity & inclusion.
 - Tentative Date January 16th in the Auditorium, Cafeteria and Star Lab; may have high school Interact Club to do child care
 - The town has been doing a lot of these types of activities.
 - Maybe do a book conversation, TedTalk, or general conversation.
 - “Danger of a Single Story” could be shown
 - Idea to have a discussion topic but then also to report in on what is going on in the meetings, where we are doing, etc.
- **Art Ambassador**
 - Has January scheduled for grade 1, grade 2 hasn’t chosen a month yet.
 - That one is set up w/ butterfly life cycles. Butterflies are now being done in 3rd grade.
 - 2nd grade has a strong science unit with a lot of projects incorporated.
 - Gina will look into possible making the butterfly project a bee.

- **Science Action**
 - 2nd grade is doing projects today & tomorrow
 - 1st & 2nd grade have each signed up for three labs.
 - First graders doing sound waves in early December
- **After School Enrichment**
 - Everything seems like it is going well.
 - PTSA received a student request to start a Bay-blades club.
 - Sounds like this could be fun and there are kids who would be interested in joining.
 - Would need a parent to run the program.
 - Gina is going to reach out to the parent of the student who submitted the request to see if they are interested in running it.

Indoor Recess:

Gina met w/ Roger to discuss this. He had a meeting scheduled with the lunch monitor to get their feedback.

- One idea is to have a group of parents per age level who may be able to be on call to come in and assist with monitoring and clean up.
 - At Dudley in Fairport the students go back to the classrooms and play interactive games with the monitors.
 - Gina is going to reach back out to the group of parents who raised the concern.
- As part of this conversation it was shared that Ms. Anne's adult daughter is fighting lung cancer. Her daughter & grandchildren are living with her. Ms. Anne is one of the lunch monitors and it was brought up that maybe we/school/PTA can do something for her.

PTSA Membership

For Teachers: breakfast to recruit teacher membership

Teachers do Friday treats, Gina will check to see if there are any dates

- 80 staff/18 are PTA members
- In the past we have had a breakfast but didn't really get much response. May do a breakfast after the first of the year.
- Maybe do a goal based breakfast, if enrollment hits 50%

For Parents: we have the lowest enrollment for parent involvement

- Flyer was sent home earlier in the year we have 409 families/97 = 24%
- We had the largest increase in a month but we are not very strong on numbers.
- Going to send eblast to Membership Toolkit list to encourage people to have them populate teachers in student contact record.
- Also encourage parents to sign up to PTA.

Year Book:

- Decided on the cover. Mixed media image of the school for the cover & runner up is a rainbow handprint will be on the back cover. All other submissions will be in the book.
- All submissions will be hung up for display so everyone can see them.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:40 AM

