

PTO 4/22/14

Parents: 13 parents

Teachers: Terri, Nicole, Eric and Principal Tom

Carrie: Kid Food Matters, working to improve food service in 4J. Last year some Edison people came and talked about what was being done there. So, Carrie's group was talking and meeting with Edison and 4J and are launching a new menu in the fall with fewer but healthier options. Hopefully, other schools will adopt similar. Early stages. More scratch based and whole foods. 750 kids between Edison and Camas, which gives us some buy in power.

Recent events:

Playdate and garden party was amazing. About 25 families. Lots of work got done. Teachers signed up for community time beds.

Art Walk was awesome.

Spaghetti feed. Made around \$600. Half as many people ate, so 2 five gallon of cooked spaghetti was brought to The Mission.

Celebration of Culture. Much bigger than last year. Went great.

Helping Hearts Rummage Sale. About \$2000 was made. Much lower quantity of items.

Upcoming events:

Kids \$10 haircuts at 4th Dimension Salon. Proceeds donated to Camas through April.

Jog a Thon on May 2nd, envelopes and flyers went home.

Teacher Appreciation week; May 5-9

Volunteer Appreciation week; May 19-23

Carnival; June 5

Ninkasi pints for cause June 12, same day as 5th grade graduation

Restaurant of month; May 18th is Falling Sky. The one on Oak Alley. 25% ALL day long.

June 9th is Track Town Pizza and they donate 50%. ALL day long.

We earned about \$3600 from Oct-March from the Restaurant of the Month events.

PTO Steering Elections:

Majority voted for Heather as Co-Facilitator.

We would really like a Publicity and Public Relations person. Duties include keeping the website up to date, notifying media of big events, etc. Tell Diane if you know someone.

Still need a Fundraiser Chair. This person does NOT have to run the fundraisers. They just support the different projects. Coordinating them. Work with Diane to make sure the events are spread out and that we have enough throughout the year and that there are teams running them.

Site Council update: Tom

Last week. Talked about enrollment and staffing and the worst case scenario. What could be done under the worst case. Terri is going to do a Kinder orientation on May 15th for September incoming Kinders. Terri, Eric, Donna and Mary are working on school improvement areas that came through advisory last spring. Lots of activities. We are in Phase 1 of a plan for Camas to reach the ultimate vision of what we want to be in 2019. Continual process. We have made progress in Project Based Learning and school wide writing and Community Living.

We need a new Parent site council member. Jennifer's term is up, unless we want to extend the terms of contract. Every parent is a PTO member.

Facts and Figures. Tom.

We don't believe this is the final staffing plan. But for now, we've been allocated 2.5 FTE less in certified teachers and less in assistants.

Teachers. We gave .5FTE back this year. We need to do with two teachers less. Classes will probably look a lot like this year. 2 Kinders, Two 1st Grade, Two 2nd Grade, One 2nd/3rd Blend, Two 3rd Grades, Two 4ths and Two 5th. Perhaps a 4/5 Blend if we get enough staffing. Don't know. Can't make any decisions yet.

Need 400 students. Projected at 398 .

Essential skills coordinator .4 FTE is open. Lee Zuber is retiring. Cindy Carr is going to be displaced by request. Brynne who is in 1st grade, will take over the essential skills. Should get another .5FTE from district. Have to wait for state and all that comes down from there. Contract negotiations could be settled spring, summer or fall.

Accepted all the lottery kids for 1st Grade. Closed to transfer except 1st and Kinders.

Good news affecting classified. Two sections of KELP. BIG draw for kinder here. Doesn't come cheap.

Student body funds. Unencumbered for staffing, we have \$142K. Picked every morsel. Create more KELP and certified time. Funds for IAs and hoping for another .5FTE. The goal is to have a full time blend 2/3 teacher and 4/5 teacher. Worst case would be a half time 4/5 and/or a 2/3.

Fundraising total was \$45K. Hoping to raise \$23 this spring with the Direct Drive and jog a thon.

Camas is a really active school. Difficult challenge but Tom still maintains the projection for improvement and exciting things happening. Continue to move forward and make progress. Happy where we are, considering the state of affairs in Oregon.

Looking at inequities in the district.

If the kids generate enough money for Jog A Thon, two teachers are going to dye hair.

Eric will shave head.

Ben is going to dye his facial hair.

Chris Evans will dye.

Tom will do something too.

Our Jog a Thon goal is \$15,001.

BBQ lunch after JogAThon for the kids.