

PTO May 20, 2014

Last meeting for the 2013-2014 school year.

Teachers: 4 and Principal Tom

Parents 14

Restaurant of the month: Kirsten. \$4548 was raised this year, so far. Still tallying.

Over the summer yogurt, maybe? Non flyer would be better.

Carnival. We NEED volunteers. Bad time for UO students who we have used in the past. Waiting to hear on baskets. Basket information went out in Friday folders. Plant sale during carnival. Mary C will be doing that.

Summer events.

Planning. Naomi will be hosting incoming Kinder playdates.

Kinder orientation was big. Lots of email addresses. Maybe even two kinder summer playdates will happen. Everyone welcome, but hopefully, lots of kinders will come.

Summer reading? Summer playdate with reading and songs. Combine the two?

Next year. Fundraising.

We didn't do Excellent Evening, because it doesn't make enough to make it worthwhile. Maybe a services auction, instead? Rotating basis, every couple months? Online auction. Maybe an auction with art work? Advertise as silent auction going up to art walk, or another event then finish up with silent auction. Taking the money making part of Excellent Evening and do it at school or online. It used to happen in the gym at the carnival.

Maybe a dance event? Like the one that those 8 local couples held at the Vet's club. They made a lot of money and donated it. Everyone had tons of fun. There is a template for an adult evening. Auction in a smaller event.

Direct Donation Drive, Sock Hop a Thon and Jog a Thon are the main fundraisers. Escrip, Box Tops, Restaurant of month are secondary.

We really need a fundraising coordinator. That person doesn't have to do the events. Maybe a committee and then from that get a coordinator?

Next year, feedback for Tom. Afterschool activities? What do we want? It would be good to have it scheduled before the end of this year, so people can plan their kids after school care accordingly. Pay to play. Self-funded. Choir? Marimba? Yoga? Tree top? Spanish? Coyote kids is great and doesn't need a room. Maybe two classes back to back and then they could do creative care, so working parents have more options. Reading for kinders?

Clay class? In music room, if no music. Maybe cafeteria if we have a music option.

Put out a request to see what people want to teach, or if people know someone who wants to do it. Online survey.

Next year, maybe themed meetings. Feedback to Tom. Do we want to change up the day of the weeks? Maybe, let's see at the beginning of the year.

Camas 101 could be a theme. Give us things you, as parents, want to talk about. Not always about fundraising.

We can talk about the school report card. Educational piece around the pyramid.

If there was a topic for parents, we could do that and then do the PTO after a talk. School improvement.

PTO as advisory. What do you think? Is it working? How's communication?

Tom:

Budget update. We have raised about \$53K this year. Site council approved funding .1FTE so that it would create a half time teacher. Just got another .5FTE. We will have blended 2/3 and 4/5. Classes won't be huge. High 20s, low 30s. \$18K for materials and fieldtrips, etc.

Site council. Last year's Sockhop money was encumbered for its use. Creatively using the \$14-15K. Some type of residency in art of music, so the teachers have a little extra time. \$29K for misc. teacher items is also encumbered. Leaves \$36K for staffing for next year.

Keeping instructional Assistants and 2 sections of KELP would be about \$31K. \$11K teacher. \$30-35K for instructional assistants.

Do we have fundraising fatigue? Keep it on the positive and let people know where the money went and will go.

EEF has a monthly auto-pay donation. Three fundraisers seems like a good strong amount to people.

Good kid involvement this year. Lots of great energy with the teachers dying and shaving heads, etc. Dress up.

Do we want another way for kids to be involved? Sell cards and art? Rewards for donations. Maybe a certain amount donated could get a mug with artwork or bag or whatever.

School improvement. Nice position for next year. Improvement. Project Based Learning and Writing. Community Living and Community classrooms and Technology. We have some more computers coming and a bunch of ipads in the fall. Need to be organized to help the kids use it effectively. Project based learning especially. Teacher leaders for those 5 areas. One of them was funded by an anonymous donor.

Another donation of \$3000 for artist in residence and mural design. Community Time classes are meeting with a muralist about concepts in the triangle. Wall in lower wing, facing Tom's office. In fall, it will be ready to be painted. It will be on plywood so it can be moved. All the kids will get to paint for the mural. Childlike yet professional is the goal.

Heather sent the EEF link. Next week Tom will send an email with the link with his wrap up email.

Penny still needs a few more volunteers to host playdates. Anna, Jennifer, Naomi, Heather. Okay, looks good.

PTO monthly E- newsletter. Tom can send a link for people to subscribe. Needs a disclaimer that it wasn't written on school computer. Heather is going to do Enewsbetter and website.

Garden meeting Thursday after school.