

PTA Community Meeting Minutes

10.18.2022 (Virtual)

Attendees: Jeff VanIwarden, Sara Remington, Liz Dial, Luisa Rosen, Carie Whalen, Nicole Lucke, Katie French, Elizabeth Mao, Juliette Lepine, Jenn Garcia, David Garfield, Jennifer Samuels, Heather Mellish, Todd Budin

I. Welcome & PTA President Update - Liz Dial

- Overview of PTA School Year at a Glance - major events and milestones by month
- Website will be updated with volunteer information

II. PTA Financial Review (School YTD) - Nicole Lucke

- Overview of PTA fundraising and expenses
- PTA has exceeded our fundraising targets for direct donations (Jogathon) and contributions income (employer match and corporate donations)
- \$9500 left to go - will come through Dining for Dollars, longmont dairy caps, King Soopers, AmazonSmile
- PTA will be distributing approx. \$56,000 to student initiatives in the coming months
- Future newsletters will include a "Your money at work" section that will highlight how PTA funds are being used.

III. Volunteering Update - Carie Whalen

- 123 people have volunteered for 333 jobs so far this school year
- Some immediate needs - photo retake day, rootbeer floats, lead for spring carnival, teacher appreciation activities, shifts in classroom and library

IV. Principal's Message - Jeff VanIwarden

- Shift to in-house advanced math for grades 4 and 5
- Hiring Intensive para for RISE program and instructional para to backfill Laurie Stevens position
- Rootbeer floats will be on Halloween along with all school parade outside

V. Family & Educators Together (FET) - Elizabeth Mao

- Elizabeth Mao (parent of 3rd and K students) learned about FET from parents at other BVSD schools
- Elizabeth trying to gauge if there is a need and interest in bringing this to Coal Creek
- Purpose of FET is to support traditionally underrepresented families within the school community (typically families whose primary language spoken at home is not English)
- Group typically includes staff, parents, community liaisons
- FET is a team of educators and family members partnering together to create a more inclusive community to support the well-being of all students and families. FET aims to honor and amplify parent voices and to strengthen a trusting relationship between educators and underrepresented family members.
- Possibilities include potentially moving forward with FET or pursuing diversity and inclusion projects without engaging FET.

- 23% of students at Coal Creek identify as non-white
- Introduction here is really to gauge parent community interest in bringing initiatives to Coal Creek

VI. Climate Action Group - Todd Budin

- Todd has sat on the Louisville Sustainability board
- Joined the LES PTA committee on Climate Action which is being facilitated by a former teacher who is really committed to this initiative
- Todd shared LES' four focus areas: waste reduction efforts, outdoor solutions (electrifying lawn maintenance, vehicle idling (comms to parents picking up, electric buses), net zero school (solar, all electric appliances, heat pumps, CO energy performance grants)
- Recommendation to coordinate efforts across Louisville area schools for more influence and better results
- Sara R asks if anyone at BVSD district level can assist, Ghita Carroll appears to be the point of contact
- At elementary level it's typically parent driven but LES has a climate action club for kids
- Carie suggests we bring back student council or form a club b/c BVSD board does respond really well to student voices at board meeting
- Sara responds that Morreale and Ostendorf are exploring this
- David Garfield (parent, 2nd grade) is interested in participating
- Juliette Lepine suggests it can be a grade-level project built into the curriculum "change makers"

VII. Upcoming Events

- Oct 31 - Halloween Parade, Rootbeer Floats, Classroom Parties
- Nov 14 - Dining for Dollars at CCE
- Nov 10 in person PTA meeting

VIII. Contact/Follow up

- Contact Elizabeth Mao re FET: elizabeth.m.mao@gmail.com
- Contact CCE PTA if you are interested in Climate Action Group, planning the spring carnival, adding a topic to the next PTA meeting: coalcreekelementarypta@gmail.com