

Franklin PTG meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Introductions.

Email list sent around.

Meeting notes will be available in the office, and posted on webpage at franklinfalconsptg.org, along with event dates, photos, and more. Facebook page is active as well.

Jim is representative at the district Citizen's Advisory Committee. Once a month, administrators and board members share high-level information with committee members.

Peach Jar is our other means of communication. We will continue to utilize this tool throughout the year for PTG events.

Yearly events include the Fun Run, movie nights, spaghetti feed, book fair, Missoula Children's Theater and carnival. Due to COVID, the status of these events is very much up in the air.

Agenda items:

1. Fun Run - October 21.

Last Fun Run raised nearly \$8,000, which paid for Dreambox enrollment, school-wide. Mr. Hollingsworth mentioned splitting the event into smaller groups, perhaps by class. Following the Oct. 18 state employee vaccine mandate, all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Jim suggests two groups, starting at different times, and wrapping up prior to final bell. Consensus reached that we should have a primary fundraising purpose.

Thoughts on what to do with funds:

- Giant face clock so kids can keep track of time during recess, and learn how to keep time the old-fashioned way. Questions were raised about historical impact on original structure. Alternatives include one on a post, or on the newer side of the school. Would most likely need to go through collective bargaining and bidding.
- Consensus reached that we should send an email to teachers soliciting ideas for the use of Fun Run funds.
- Supplemental ASL class to boost interaction between D.I. students and general students.
- Mural or other art installation, perhaps led by a local artist.
- Parent seminars/programs.

2. New Principal's Assistant, Robin O'Conner.

3. Open house?

Mr. Hollingsworth is still reviewing contract. Potentially virtual. But we have cool but we have cool magnets to give out...

4. Aluminum can drive.

Now that recycling is every other week, Jim proposed that we do a monthly can drive to possibly raise some funds. Seeking volunteers.

5. Monthly coffee stand?

Friday(?) morning coffee stand out front for parents. Seeking ideas for vendors. Jacob's Java is our first potential option.

6. Seeking photos for webpage and Facebook page, with parent's consent. Or, we could use photos from SPS page. Right now, we have a selection of stock photos that aren't very personable. Also, suggestions are welcome for other ways to reach parents.

7. Ray Lynn brings up employee vaccine exemptions. Mr. Hollingsworth clarifies that they will all be run through the SPS HR department. Specifics are still very much being ironed out.

8. Mr. Hollingsworth asks what we would like from him at our monthly meeting. Suggests that we bring ideas next month.

When asked how he's feeling about school safety, he's relieved to be back in a more stable school environment, and closures last year reinforced his belief in the importance of a neighborhood school. If wearing a mask is the price to pay for in-person school, he's more than willing. As far as any potential school closures, he hasn't heard anything.