

Meeting 9/8/2022

Introductions

Principals Update

Great start to year

Staffing Issues - some changes, almost fully staffed, Speech Pathologist is leaving soon.

Kids adjusting to starting school.

Picture day today - done quickly.

Open house next week. Two hours of open house, two 45 minute sessions.

Cookout on the last day of summer.

TShirt Tuesday - starting to bring back, will sell shirts soon.

Teachers have lesson plans submitted to principal - starting to use planbook.com, request for funding for use of new website. \$300 for all the teachers to use, yearly subscription.

School council stopped during COVID restrictions, find parent volunteers for meetings. Equity is a big issue lately, educational equity. Every child that comes to school should be able to read.

Little awareness things, what title people want to be called etc.

Grants Update - coordinator is Allison Tremelling, looking for new person to fill that role. Always apply to Berlin Cultural Council. Two cultural events in the year, to bring more music, arts, dancing into the school. Grant will cover one. Looking for someone with experience in writing grants. Allison will work with someone to teach them.

Cultural Update -

Fall one starting soon - grant goes in mid-October. Three options - Fruit Flies Like a Banana - sprint triathlon variety show, very improv like. Arabica - Egyptian American introduces kids to Arabian Dance. Cat Mountain - Japanese folktale comes to life with music, masks. Workshops are possible, usually opt for performance. No more COVID restrictions - no restrictions on how many kids can gather in one space. Kids definitely enjoy dancing along. Some groups can tailor performances to different age groups.

After School Programs -

We need parent volunteers to run activities - looking for crafters, can pick age groups and days of the week. Brainstorm way for sign ups to be done electronically. Consider lottery system or just make requirements very clear. Maybe attach them to the first few events. Or look into attaching events or documents to Facebook group. Events can be done in art room, or cafeteria after 3:30, technology room still available. Parents pocket the profit for running the program minus the materials. People running programs need to be a member of the school community and fill out a CORI. Taking a profit not required, can volunteer for covering cost. MAKE list of examples for Open House to drum up more interest.

IRS Update - lost non-profit status because taxes were not filed, just got rejection letter, will need to file more forms.

Activities planned for the year

Scholastic Book Fair Nov 7-11 Set up Monday, kids shop during school on Tuesday - Wednesday, Parents can shop on Thursday. Kids can fill out a wishlist. Students can have an ecard to shop with. Information will be sent home. Look for new families in later grades.

Teacher appreciation Days - people sign up to bring in goodies for teachers, always do end of year teacher luncheon.

Fun Run - huge fundraiser, week long theme. Kids learn about characteristics, kids get prizes based on money.

Donations received - we would like to spend \$10,000 on the community. Possible ideas - scoreboard for basketballs. Send emails for ideas.

Schartner Farms - usual yearly fall event - uncertain, rain has kind of ruined crops.

Want to do two dances - committees to do both. Get DJ, decorations. Have small mixer in the cafeteria for parents to meet while kids do the dance.

IN February, Daddy Daughter dance. A little more elegant, have a photo booth. BE careful about gendered dances, some students are non-binary.

Some events are always done, but some events are brought in occasionally - Acton Discovery Museum programs. Museum of Science also does programs. Hands on programs and interactive ones are definitely more popular. Will ask for ideas.

School wide directory. - use google forms to collect names, keep digital copy, make printable PDFs.

Treasurer's Update

see attached

Budget up for discussion.

Not much funds spent yet this year - teacher start up funds, book and magazine subscriptions.

Teacher luncheon on the first day of school.

Future events planned - Schartner, Turkey Trot, Pumpernickel Puppets for incoming kindergarteners, Hands on Nature, Field Day, Field Trip busses, 5th grade gift.

Remove recess items, should be coming from school budget.

Consider separate equipment for after school. - they have their own budget.

Motion made for Mr. Campbell's request - need to specify for only this year, needs to be in school budget in the future. Made for up to \$300, seconded, passed