Minutes-Virtual PTA Meeting

December 15, 2020

I. Meeting agenda shared

II. Message from Principal Davis
   a. No update regarding Phase 1 reopening
   b. Principal Davis, climate staff, and custodial team are in the school building during the week
      i. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12-3 remain ideal for picking up items
      ii. School building may be closed on days with inclement weather
      iii. SDP will not be canceling digital learning on snow days
   c. SAC is gathering teacher nominations for the 2020/21 Lindback Award
      i. 60 teachers from our region will be honored for distinguished teaching
      ii. Link to submit nominations will be shared via e-newsletter
      iii. Submissions will be accepted through January
   d. Working on a project showcasing winter/holiday celebrations in the school community
      i. Video submissions for the project can be sent to Ms. Paulino
         1. Email to nppaulino@philasd.org by 12/17
   e. Very little budget movement since last update
      i. No large purchases made in November
   f. Any trash or leaves cleaned from school grounds can be left in or by the dumpsters

III. Finance Committee Report
   a. $26, 211.54 currently in the bank
      i. Approx. $17,000 marked for expenditures in the budget
      ii. $13,000+ to be raised this year
         1. Covid continues to inhibit fundraising efforts
      iii. Currently operating in a deficit budget
         1. Will likely end the fiscal year with a $4,000 to $5000 deficit
         2. PTA goal is to hold 50% of the operating budget in reserves
   b. December Expenses
      i. $400 for teacher reimbursements sent out
         1. 4 additional submissions received
   c. Fundraising update
      i. $190 raised by Bingo Night
      ii. $63 from Amazon Smiles program
      iii. Additional funds added from PayPal account
   d. <u>Playworks Discussion</u>
      i. $11,000 needed to fund remaining balance for the virtual Playworks Program
         1. $10,000 will be paid by the school
         2. Raising the needed funds would require an intense fundraising effort by a dedicated team
            a. Fundraising has been especially challenging during the pandemic
            b. PTA budget already operating in a deficit

ii. Feedback shared from parents who have observed a Playworks session
    1. Coach Eli's rapport with students praised
    2. Students seem to find the sessions enjoyable
    3. Concern raised about the frequency of sessions offered per month
        a. Offered 1-2x per month to grades K-5
    4. Consensus that the in-person value is great but value of the virtual offerings in question.
iii. Program information shared by Playworks representative and coach.
    1. Playworks designed to promote student interaction, active movement, and brain stimulation.
        a. Students guided through games and activities designed to promote these objectives
    2. An online archive of coach led activities will be made available to program participants to access outside of scheduled sessions
    3. Program traditionally includes climate staff training
        a. Training has not been offered as of yet in the virtual setting
    4. Expressed a desire to continue a positive working relationship with the school even if funds cannot be raised this year.
    5. $2,000 discount offered for unused services from last year.
    6. Offered to share alternative fundraising avenues that may be helpful
iv. Raising the $9,000 needed to continue Playworks still fiscally unfeasible
    1. Unable to commit to providing funds
    2. Service likely to continue until the end of January

IV. Projects and Events

a. Teacher appreciation efforts across the grades going well
b. Another virtual game night in the works for February
c. Dance-a-thon event for MLK Day being planned
d. Possible virtual Miss Chocolate event to be held in the spring

V. Membership

a. PTA Member Hub recently updated
b. Online store is offering give back deals that benefit the PTA

VI. Playground Committee

a. Have reached out for bench quotes
    i. Exploring the idea of bench sponsorships to fund purchase

Next PTA Meeting- *January 19, 2021 at 8pm*

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