Monday, March 9, 2020

**Brighouse Parent Advisory Council Minutes**

**Mar 9, 2020 1:00 pm**

**Held at Brighouse NLC Room 4**

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**In attendance: Hayley, Chris, Mariya, Winnie, Kate, Mayyasa, Mr. A, Mrs. Tse**

**• Reports**

o Chair

* Coffee and muffins great success - ran out of coffee at 9:00 and only 1 muffin left…possibly get more for next time?
* Last pizza day, 2 pizza’s left over - maybe less for next time because its last day of school plus COVID-19 causing extra absences
* Too much fruit left over (oranges and apples) – Chris to order less for next time
* Potluck: only 3 families plus extra kids, fun for everyone but not enough people to make it successful
* Could be due to COVID-19 outbreak concerns, but also could be lack of communication. Suggestion to send newsletter home, maybe not enough announcements? Form home for next time, ask for email back RSVPing (not collecting forms)

o Admin report

* Talent show Wed 1:30-2:30pm
* Coffee and muffins first day back March 30
* Track attack coming after Spring Break – no date yet for the track meet, will be in May sometime
* Report cards coming Friday
* Gardening: had 2 indoor sessions, after break will be out in garden!
* Garden update: work orders done now – putting in sensory garden in place of large compost/dirt pile – also workers built a new ramp into the shed!
* Garden ties are starting to decay – replacing a few as needed, but will require a complete redo at some point, will be a larger expense to think about for the future
* Email will be going out today as per COVID-19 – district email going out today for recommendations

o Treasurer

* Spirit wear added as a line item
* Issue sorted out from last time RE: overbudget resource teacher on board games – turns out it is for shared room, so not overbudget
* Pizza profit down a little – could be lower attendance, cost of fruit a bit higher due to overbuying…still within budgeted parameters though

**• Old Business**

o Board Games

* Drexoll games order has been put in. Hayley doing labels and looking into bin purchases. Also bought some games from Amazon not available from Drexoll
* Voted to also include tubs and labels (approx. $100) for board games to be stored/kept with the room itself

o Munch N’ Lunch

* Cancelled for now as Hayley has used Square to set up spirit wear sales
* Hot Lunch Lady – Hayley will look into possibly using it as a hot lunch service for families, basic same idea as Libby Foods and Nova Foods, runs itself so hands off for PAC

o Spirit Wear

* Try ons went well, created buzz and also provided opportunity to test sizes
* Hayley will contact Creative Insignia about delivering for first week after break
* Sales approaching $2000.00 (gross) as of this meeting

**• New Business**

o Next Pizza Day: March 13, April 17

* Reducing ordering by 4 pizza’s – 2 due to COVID-19 absences and 2 due to people leaving early for Spring Break.
* Chris will pick up fruit this week, one box less than last time

o March coffee and muffin: Mon March 30

* Cookies for kids this time – Mr. A will buy, PAC will cover cost – 4 boxes of 48
* Next one after that set for Friday April 24th

o Movie Date – April 3

* With Coronavirus fears, maybe skip this date and revisit at next PAC meeting

o Ramadan – Mayyasa

* April 20th starting at 8:00am Welcome to Ramadan – Mayyasa to organize
* May 25th Monday Eid– handing out chocolates in morning with a board announcing end to Ramadan
* This is 4th year doing it
* $100 approved by PAC for doing this
* Due to COVID-19: not ideal to have cut up food on napkin, so change to something that is already wrapped would be best
* Mayyasa to take care of purchasing all items and organizing decorations

o Mariya Easter Candy

* April 9th end of day handing out Easter eggs – approved by PAC, not determined who will buy…Mariya?

o Garage Sale idea

* Mayyasa proposal to have grade 6/7 students have a mass garage sale for students to raise money for themselves for camp, to develop ownership of contribution.
* Lots of logistics in terms of work levels for returns – supervision, advertising, number of kids, item organization, handling of money
* Mrs. Tse – possibly have it as a family event so that the supervision aspect is taken care of, parents help with exchange of money, pricing and haggling?
* Hayley – need someone to go away and create a logistical plan on details: how would it work? Possibility of having each division come up with their own way of raising $ (cake walk? Garage sale? Mini fair?).
* Mayyasa – maybe too much work, so she will come up with another idea such as a bake sale, chocolate sale – each division rotates on shifts etc. as done last year.
* Mayyasa and Mrs. Tse to look at records from last year to see sales and organize internally scheduling…aim for May sometime. Possibly chocolate and one more item?

o Mrs. Tse

* School has been registered for kiosk express recycling – money goes to Gardening Club (sustainability). OK Recycling Bottle Depot, Blundell, and Ironwood recycling centres accepting, bring clear plastic bag to the centre and they will sort and credit our account

o Kate

* Parents asking about gardening plots, can families still use? We have moved away from having “individual” plots – it’s a community garden, so not meant to be just individual plots…welcome to come and plant, weed, water, but no expectation that you can harvest for yourself

• Date of next meeting: April 20, 2020 time moved to **10:15am** due to track attack