

# Polaris PTO Meeting

April 6, 2015 6:00 pm

**Officers Attending:** Megan Rozensweig, Brian Nelson, Lisa Mortell

**Others Attending:** Tammy Chamberlain, Kara Chitwood, Kristen Alix, Karin Johnson, Chris Dunn, Amber Fitzpatrick

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Brian Nelson.

## 1. Principal's Report

CSC met today and finished bylaws using guidelines from DPS manual. They will be posted on website. The two CSC co-chairs are rotating off, and the ePost will announce election of new chairs next year.

Love of the Arts is coming up next week, and gearing up for New Family Night. Approximately 50 new families will be coming next year.

## 2. Upcoming School Year Calendar

Most event timing will be similar to this year. Events will go up on website and will be distributed to new families. Voted on and approved by PTO Board.

## 3. Upcoming Events

For the Love of Art/chili cook off Thurs April 16

ePost will have information this week. Arts faculty will coordinate, all families encouraged to volunteer.

New Family Night April 22

Handouts will be emailed one week before event. Trying to condense number of times they have to share new information. Will use a google doc form or similar for parent directory.

May 2 Shopping Day at Swoozies

Portion of sales will support PTO.

Spring Cleanup May 9 (9am -12pm)

Carrie Lamb is organizing. They have a task list of things that need to happen. Girls scout troop will lead it but all are welcome.

Gala May 14

Food trucks are lined up, as are outside entertainment. Auction is underway – looking for Buy A Shares and other auction items.

Field Day May 22

Haley Figueroa is working on the volunteer sign ups. Jamba Juice is on the agenda again.

#### **4. Electives Committee**

Sherry Beardshear will sit down with a small group after April 10 to talk about transition plans for next year.

#### **5. Volunteer Positions for Next Year**

Some departing chairs are finding their own replacements; Looking for President-Elect and Secretary. ePost also looking for a coordinator.

#### **6. Budget Discussion 2015-2016**

Capital budget might consider paying for water fountain that doubles as a water bottle filler. Jeanne Bitzer will look into the cost and Facility Director will explore with DPS.

Robotics Electives is looking for up to seven robotics kits to expand size of elective, allow instructor demos and provide teachers a chance to use them in dedicated classroom units. Kits are \$350 each, so budget is \$2,450. Funding may exist in electives budget, arts of science and PTO budget. Will revisit at next meeting. There is also interest in forming a Robotics Competition Team for age 9 and above (after school enrichment).

Next month, Megan will present a full 2015-2016 for PTO approval.

Karin's budget partner, Corina Hall, will be a good resource for new principal and PTO next year.

#### **7. Fundraising Reports:**

Wine Tasting – Sold 169 bottles of wine. Lower than last year, but might be because so many people gave directly at wishing wall. Steve Price might co-chair with Kristin Alix as Arts and Science committee to manage the allocation of funds raised this year.

Annual Fund – Will work on end of year participation challenge, focused on monthly and recurring giving as a sustainable funding source. Working to reach last year's numbers.

Other Items – New parents will get an over view of AmazonSmile, Target and Grocery Cards. Will share with returning parents as well.

#### **8. Approve Minutes**

Approved as written.

**7:30 Adjourn**