

## Notes for PSO Meeting Dec 1, 2022

### Attendance:

Michelle Platts (President), Ashley Heins (Vice President), Erin Snow, April Browning, Lee Ann Searight, Helena Swyter, Lauren Swihart, Molly Leonard, Bonn Wade

### I. Welcome

#### II. Recap of Events:

**Book Fair** – brought in \$19,814 in sales, as a result the school earned about \$10,000 in Scholastic Dollars to spend on books. The school spent \$450 to support students who didn't have sufficient funds, and collected \$329 in "All for Books" donations, and the difference (\$131) will come from the Scholastic Dollars. Next book fair March 27-31<sup>st</sup>. THANK YOU TO PARENT ERIN PAYNE, who did the organizing!

-Discussion of how to maintain equity in this event, moving forward:

ewallets of donated \$\$ for each classroom?

one big schoolwide ewallet pot for the kids who don't have funds?

Keep some Bernie's Book Bank donations for distribution as free books?

**Prospective Parent Fall Open House** – Was Nov 4.<sup>th</sup> Around 40ish prospective parents in attendance, another one to be held soon? Cecilia wasn't present to report back.

#### III. Committee Updates:

**Room Rep Program:** April Browning has stepped down as Room Rep Coordinator and Cecilia Bocanegra will be taking over the role. Erin Snow will continue to help with the back-end/database support.

**Holiday Gift Collections:** Helena Swyter and April Browning are working hard to make sure every staff member has a gift coordinator attached to them. Room reps have all received the information about their role, and the information to forward to families in their classrooms. Fliers to come home in backpacks soon. Donations are accepted via CheddarUp. Last date to donate will be Dec 16.

#### IV. Upcoming Events:

**Holiday Teacher Breakfast** – Dec 22 -A Flacos Tacos and parent-donated potluck, organized by Lee Ann Searight. Kelly Follmar will put together gift bags for the teachers. PSO will post volunteer/donation signups on social media and also push out the signups through the room reps.

**Lunar New Year Parade:** Ashley Heins will lead a committee to have a Peirce presence at the parade on Argyle. She would ideally love to have a flatbed trailer (or truck, or jeep) and have a contingent of folks to represent Peirce, as the other local schools are strongly represented.

**Winter Mixer:** brainstormed different ideas for parent-focused social activities to occur in late January, perhaps encourage room reps to organize a grade-level social event, or room reps to recruit folks who are interested in organizing something for their grade

(ideas: reserving a room at local restaurant, meeting up at a bar, organizing an event at someone's home, doing a meetup at a kid-friendly space like a climbzone for the chance to parents to visit while the kids play, meeting up at a community event that is already existing)

**Valentine's Dance:** Committee will be formed, event will be planned!

**V. Topics from last Meeting:**

-Flowers were not able to be sent to Ms. Zaimi at home, but a welcome-back message with flowers will be created by the kids (perhaps a large poster that they've all signed), led by Rene Ryan.

-Coats need to be taken home and laundered by volunteers for the school coat closet. – volunteers grabbed many of these today to wash them and return them.

No free babysitting night updates.

Can Kim Lebovitz send out an email to all the approved volunteers, when there is a need for volunteers in the building? For a field trip, for example? Unsure if the office clerks have the ability to pull all the emails for the approved volunteers.

**VI. Questions/Comments/Suggestions**