

## GENERAL PTO MEETING

9/23/2020, 9:30Am

\*14 attendees, including Board

1. Call to order
  - Included introduction of Board members and general overview of PTO
2. Approval of March Minutes
  - Alaina motioned to Approve Minutes, Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minutes approved unanimous
3. Principals Report
  - Switching from Schoology/Big Blue Button to Zoom-based distance learning, principals around the district are frustrated about the length of the process, school has held off on teacher conferences until tech issues resolve
  - Kids seem happy to be back in school, students generally do not have problems wearing masks
  - IReady testing more challenging this year since volunteers are not allowed in the building
  - There is a need for headphones since students cannot share
  - Enrollment is down a little from last year due to Home School and Virtual School, down about 100 from projections based on area growth
  - 28 students have requested to return to B&M out of 293 students who requested DL; re-enrollment process takes about 1 hr of paperwork per student
  - Nicole F asked how the process worked for switching from DL to B&M at the end of the 9 weeks, Mrs Fuller said it was as easy as filling out the paperwork and being approved
4. Budget Overview / Treasurers Report
  - Nicole F gave a quick overview of the budget and explained how some of the money was spent, including teacher requests, appreciation events, how money is accounted for and allocated, reserves
  - There was a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, all in favor, no concerns, approved unanimously
5. Membership Update
  - Student/family members = 122
  - Staff members = 51
    - o "Favorite Things" is a way for parents to find out what treats teachers like so they can send in, like if they like sprinkle donuts, parents can send in sprinkle donuts, list is super helpful when you want to do something nice for a teacher
  - Alaina M encouraged new members to tell their friends & family to join the PTO, membership is just a small donation, great way to give back & help out
  - Nicole F gave example of how we help out where PTO will fund any event allowed on campus, she gave an example of a dance event outside
6. Upcoming Events Report
  - a. Virtual Bingo Night
    - i. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> @6pm
    - ii. Space is limited
    - iii. 1 card per device
  - b. Monthly Staff Snacks

- i. September was a success, we set up a beautiful snack station for teachers to grab & go
    - ii. October theme will be announced soon
  - c. Amazing Race Around the World
    - i. 2-week event, kick off on Oct 9th (Friday)
    - ii. Donation drive to replace fun-run because of limitations due to Covid and up-front costs of setting up Fun-Run
    - iii. Students will be given a Key Tag & Charm on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, students who are doing DL will be given theirs on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, when they come in for Student Picture Day, but there will be a secondary distribution for those who cannot make the initial one
    - iv. Donations will be made in child's name, any time student reaches a donation goal/level, they will be given a new charm
    - v. Twice a week (4x total), clues will be given and once the clue is figured out, photos will be submitted to Facebook or emailed, they will be eligible for additional prizes
    - vi. Will be a scavenger hunt also incorporated
    - vii. Prizes will be better than the usual Oriental Trader throw-a-ways
    - viii. Will be more than just a donation drive, designed to include all families
- 7. Winners of Gift Certificates for Joining the PTO - \$30 to Creative Me
  - a. Marci Young
  - b. Tanisha Rose
  - c. Francesca Sanchez
- 8. Questions/Comments from the Audience
  - a. PIL = Partners in Learning
  - b. Amazon Smiles can now be used through the Amazon App

Nicole F said we will probably meet again in Nov but specified date was not suggested. Will probably be a re-cap of the Amazing Race event. We usually try to meet on Wednesdays, but November has some days off + holidays that could interfere with our usual schedule

Alaina M asked the audience for suggestions, none given

Nicole F mentioned that Fridays were DCE Spirit Days, staff and students encouraged to wear DCE gear, Alaina said some Fridays were Spirit Patrol where special prizes were given out to students wearing DCE spirit gear

Nicole F suggested parents join the DCE Parents facebook group as a resource for parents that isn't necessarily PTO related

There is a need for chalk in the classroom, it is surprisingly expensive, Nicole F asked people to be on the lookout for deals on chalk and for parents to periodically get some, a little at a time instead of a big expense at once

Nicole F wrapped up meeting at 10:26, thanked everyone for coming, said we would let everyone know when the next meeting would be as soon as we have a date.