

## PTO GENERAL MEETING

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Attended by: All Boar members (with exception of Bonnie), several parents and Ms Fuller

- I. Call to Order – 9:36am
- II. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
  - Always posted on DCE PTO website ([www.dcepto.org](http://www.dcepto.org))
  - As a follow up, we were able to purchase additional chalk for all classrooms, a parent was able to get a great deal
  - Alaina motioned to approve the minutes, Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved
- III. Principal's Message
  - Fewer students are "In the Red" in IReady this year vs last year, Ms Fuller acknowledged the challenges of distance learning (DL)
  - Parents will be getting a survey soon to gauge parent's intentions for their students – DL vs BM (brick n mortar), but nothing is final as the State of Florida has not made anything official
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is starting late this year, and will start in late January, there will no longer be a "Blended Model" of teachers teaching both BM & DL students, they will either be teaching DL or BM classes
  - Regarding Covid, there has only been a couple of cases, only one of which required quarantine, Ms Fuller urged parents to keep students home if anyone at home is sick/showing symptoms; DCE seems to be one of the only schools still able to enforce the "6 ft Rule"
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - The Amazing Race fundraising event exceeded our goal of \$15,000 (not by much), but one of the best parts of this style of event is that our expenses were minimal
  - Jen F encouraged everyone to sign up for Amazon Smile, which has recently brought in \$47, which doesn't seem like much but it costs us nothing and is a way to raise money without any effort – Amazon donates a portion of each purchase to our organization
  - 2 upcoming spirit nights, PDQ and Tropical Smoothie, dates have yet to be finalized. Previous Spirit Nights have brought in over \$500
  - We still have money earmarked for Technology Purchases, we are waiting on a formal request from Ms Fuller
- V. Amazing Race Review
  - We reached our \$15,000 goal
  - 250 students participated (29% of total student population, about 10% of which were DL)
  - Largest amount raised by a single student was \$525
  - We have a lot of charms left over and are trying to figure out how to distribute them
  - 56 students participated in the photo scavenger hunt
  - There is a lot more flexibility in this style of event vs our annual "Boosterthon", one parent asked about the fundraising results of Boosterthon vs Amazing Race, so while Boosterthon raised a lot more money dollar-wise, our expenses were significantly higher, so while we raised less money during the Amazing Race, we got to keep almost all of it
  - One parent mentioned they enjoyed the creativity and exploration involved in this event vs the Boosterthon which was walking/running laps in the field

- One parent mentioned that the time frame for the scavenger hunt was a little short because of family's obligations on the weekends, and suggested perhaps expanding it a day or two

#### VI. Upcoming Events

##### A. Holiday Gifts at DCE

- o Parents are not allowed to collect money from other parents to purchase a big, collective gift, there has been issues in the past
- o Parents can absolutely give personal, individual gifts
- o A parent asked how DL students can send gifts to teachers, Nicole F said to label them, drop off at the front desk and they will be given to the teacher
- o PTO will be doing something nice for the teachers, looking at individual goodie bags or something similar

##### B. Staff Snacks

- o Individual pies & coffee is being given this month for staff snacks
- o Maria thanked all parents for their donations, Shanthi said table is always picked clean

##### C. PDQ Spirit Night will likely be December 4<sup>th</sup>

##### D. Tropical Smoothie Spirit Night will be sometime in January

##### E. We are still looking to have some sort of event in the spring but because of Covid restrictions we cannot do something similar to Space Night for the time being

#### VII. PTO Board

- We would like to begin the process of finding and selecting good candidates for PTO Board leadership positions, and we would like to start the process early to ensure a smooth transition
- Nicole F asked anyone who is interested in serving on the board, or if they know anyone who would be a good fit, to please reach out via email
- The next PTO Board meeting will most likely be one evening in January (date tbd), where we will begin the nomination process for board roles

#### VIII. General Comments

- Several parents thanked the Board for their efforts and for adjusting the meeting times to enable greater participation
- While this has been an unusual school year so adjustments are always being made, one thing the Board would like to have more of is committees and we would like to start filling out roles

#### IX. Motion to Adjourn – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am