

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18th, 2018 5:45-8:00 pm

Location: Ceri and Ezra Beeman's Home

334 I St, Davis

In Attendance:

Need Sign In Sheet for Future Meetings*

Meeting started at 6:19pm and was led by Christine Crawford.

Christine made announcement that Kelly O'Brien has accepted the position as Secretary for the PC.

Class Announcements:

Morning Glory: The kindergarten play yard is in the need of brush removal, and they are working on clearing out the yard. It was also mentioned that Christina Guzman would like to do some of the landscaping around the school and is looking for people to help. The suggestion was made that while parents are waiting for the older kids to get off school after they have picked up their younger children, they could help with the landscaping.

5th Grade: The new teacher should be recognized for the Math Club that she has started after school on Wednesdays.

6th Grade: Christmas Trees are for sale, all orders are due November 13th or 14th. Along with trees they are selling garland, wreaths, etc. The class receives \$30 for each tree sold. They need a minimum of 125 trees to get the delivery. The suggestion was made to add this to the school's Instagram and Facebook page.

7th Grade: The kids completed 18 miles in the rain at Point Reyes. The kids loved it and it was great for the new teacher to do this and get the kids to come together as a team.

8th Grade: The trip is still secret, they are close to their total and the plan is for the first part of April.

Community Talk

Picture day

The question was asked by Christine Crawford why we take pictures twice each year. The discussion was that the first of the year pictures was for the year book and that the 2nd picture of the year was for the class picture. Jenn will look into why this is being done and if we need to continue with the 2nd picture.

Administrative Update

Clothing Swap

Most of the clothes were for early childhood, and the left overs were mostly used by either the parent child teacher and donated to Goodwill. Overall the event went well for the first year and many of the PC members helped out working shifts. Some suggestions and questions for future events were:

- Require drop off prior to the event. Could we be collecting items throughout the year?
- The event would be better if it was combined with another event like, Back to School Night, Mayfair, etc. The idea was to make it easier for the parents that do not live in the area.
- Would we like to open the event for the greater community?
- Sell refreshments by the classes?
- Charge for the event?
- Set a goal for the event. What is the purpose? Do we want to get more people to the school or do we want to raise money for the school?

Misc. Admin Items

- Family Way Series- Presented by Simone Demarzi
Jenn wanted to be sure everyone was aware they were happening and that they are free. You can see it on the FB page.
- Friday November 2nd at 6:30pm; Ute is having a conversation with parents about what Waldorf is all about. This event is free, location TBD.
- Gardening Teacher, Alisa is doing a Composting Class on 11/10/18 from 10am-12pm. Cost is \$25 and that goes to supplies and money back into the gardening program
- Jenn to add the CSA in the next newsletter. It was also discussed for fruit and veggies to be donated and put on a table outside of the school. This would include a cash donation box where parents could take an item and choose to make a donation.

Annual Giving

Annual giving starts on October 30th and runs through December 7th. The goal is 100% participation and \$60,000.

Cards and packets are being mailed to families Friday, October 26th. In the packet there will be cards that can be sent to your family and friends. Jenn is planning on having a table in front of the school to allow parents to complete and address the cards so that the school can mail them for the parents. Jenn is looking for volunteers for that table.

The idea was made for an e-mail to be sent to all parents with a link to donate so that parents can send them to family and friends. Action item listed at end of minutes, to check out FB option for donation to a non-profit. This will allow parents to put it on their timeline and solicit donations through FB.

School Store

Two cabinets have been given to the school to put in the office lobby. The cabinets will hold items for sale. Things like: capes, aprons, handwork supplies, school supplies, Davis Waldorf gear, needles, yard, crayons, lunch containers, napkins, placemats, wool, felt, etc.

The idea is to rotate the items during the year and the goal is for this to be up and running by Early December.

Jenn is looking for parent volunteers to stock and rotate the goods in the cabinets.

The suggestion was made that if there were gifts then the students would see them and they would not be very special. The idea was that some items be withheld from the children's view to allow for parents to purchase gifts from the school store.

Halloween Festival

Sign up and ticket sales are being done now in the office. There will be food from the 7th grade class, music, and a fire pit. As the time of the meeting volunteers were still needed for pumpkin pick up, Friday set up at 1pm, crockpot/pam of Macaroni and Cheese, Protected Path bell Ringers, 1-2 Angel Guides, Perlis Bell Ringer, 7pm-9pm Fire tender, and clean up Sunday or Saturday night. We are also in need of 100 more pumpkins.

Class parents were asked to send an e-mail to the parents.

Board Update

Christine Crawford, who is the PC representative on the board indicated that they are working to streamline board committees, discussing the annual giving, and the audit is coming soon. Enrollment is good, and they believe the budget is on track. They are going to be working on the strategic plan for the next 5 years.

The Board is looking for new board members, someone with marketing, accounting, and/or law background.

Communication Policy

Ceri Beeman encourages feedback in regards to the Communication Policy from the PC members. There was an idea to add a FAQ section to the back with more examples of things that might come up.

Action Items:

- The Ferris wheel at the Farmer's Market could be used as a fundraiser. Someone is needed to look into this. (Please check with Jenn to see if she will be looking into this)
- PC to put together a committee for festivals and events.
- PC to review volunteer sheets filled out by parents to see who would be interested in PC leadership

- Mary to check out Facebook (FB) for donation to a non-profit. This will allow parents to put a link on their timeline and request donations for the annual giving through FB.
- Volunteers needed for School Store. Volunteers to decide what is being stocked and when it is changed.
- Gina to send an e-mail prior to each PC meeting asking for agenda items to be submitted prior to the meeting.