Grant PTA General Meeting

November 11, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Meeting call to order 7:00 p.m. by Lara, president

* Principal Cain unable to attend, asked that we mention sharing Veteran’s Day service families are doing.
* Grant Foundation Report and Imagine Campaign Update – Megan
  + Did just over $65k of the $80k goal so far this year
  + Had 239 families participate, 46% of the school
  + There are 10 classes with 75% participation, certificates to be given to go to Dixie Pops
  + Beer and cheese tasting event this weekend, have until Thursday to sign up via evite and it’s $80 per couple
* Safe Spaces Update with Grant Counselors and Team – Sherri Penaloza and Rosabla
  + Sherri is the new full-time counselor
  + Have met with Safe Spaces group on what they can do virtually this year
  + Also have a part time counselor, Mary Shirley, on Thursdays and every other Friday, focusing on TK-3rd; can reach out to her 619-631-8632 or [mshirley@sandi.net](mailto:mshirley@sandi.net)
  + Committee has been working on getting creating a partnership with counselors and getting the community to know them; they have videos in the Gecko Gazette www.smore.com/gnyzr
  + History of Safe Spaces – Saw an increase in EP-10s, incidents of self harm, so a group of parents got together to see how they could support the school
  + If anyone would like to be part of the committee, reach out to Rosalba at [rosalbak@yahoo.com](mailto:rosalbak@yahoo.com)
  + Sherri hosts lunch bunch groups for 4th & 5th, 6th, and 7th & 8th during the week
  + There is a form on the website to reach out to Sherri, or can email her sbaildon@sandi.net
* SDUSD Internet Safety – Rosalba
  + District offered series on internet safety
  + Slides available https://sites.google.com/view/feworkshops/home
* Adopt A Grant Family Holiday Initiative
  + Typically do a food drive, since we aren’t on campus planning to shift gears
  + Have about 13 families on campus that are housing insecure
  + Sherri has been getting the needs list, has 4 that have responded
  + Lara has also reached out to Parker families who are willing to help out as well and have other community members that would want to help as well
  + More details to come
* Treasurer’s Report – John
  + October $500 income from book fair, $70 of other income, and $100 PTA membership income
  + Expenses carnival $220, PE expenses $1089, and teacher stipends that cleared total $17070
  + -$16399 total operating revenue for October
  + Got a $200 check from Crack Shack for the fundraiser there
* Middle School Q&A with Ms. Anthony
  + Thank you from teachers for the parents in supporting them
  + In virtual learning, doing 3 classes at a time rather than 6
  + Teaching 3 classes for 9 weeks, and just finished their first rotation
  + Second session seems much longer than the first because there was very little downtime with only 1 day off during the first session and second session has multiple holidays and breaks
  + *How will parent teacher meetings go*? There isn’t a formal parent teacher meeting week like in elementary. Teachers will connect with parents quickly if there is a student that is struggling. If parents have concerns, they can ask for a meeting as well. Sherri is also available to help facilitate
  + *What is the difference between “E” and “P” grades in PowerSchool?* Anything that starts with an E is elementary grading period. P is progress report and S is the semester. S1 and S2 are the grades that move with them.
  + *Will grades still be on a percentage scale or will it change to standards based this year?* Standards based has been slower to roll out at the secondary level. In looking at the data across the district, there is a racial disparity in the students with Ds and Fs, so the district determined it was time to move ahead with standards based. Still rolling out slowly
  + *How will it work when go back in person and there are families who are not on campus?*  Plan is to have the schedule the same and live casting what is happening in the classroom for students at home.
  + *Do middle school teachers need any other support from parents, what can we do?* Parents are doing so much already. Some students still need motivation, so anything we can do keep motivation up.
* Roundtable
  + Mission Hills Nursery holiday fundraiser begins after Thanksgiving, if you buy a tree they donate 10% back to the school. There will be a Grant day there on Dec. 5.
  + Having a brunch fundraiser at Cardellino on Dec 12
  + Idea to plan a reading buddy program for older to help younger
  + Grant is getting upgraded fencing, if you see work going on, that is what it is. Part of the school is getting repainted as well.
  + Sandra motion to approve minutes from the last meeting. John second. Motion carries.

7:56 PM Adjourn