

O’Keeffe PTG Meeting February 13, 2019

Welcome and introductions - officers and members present (approximately 16)

In attendance - PTG Officers Stephanie Steigerwaldt, Lynn Lee, Nina Leibold, Jo Ann Krauss, Maria Banchik

Board members Cheryl Kyles, Mia Broderson, Liz Amundson, Members Wendy Kruze, plus 6 others (Paul, Lisa, Wayne Lenius, Scott, Alana) & Vice Principal Emily Koch.

Principal’s Report: Joe Anderson from MMSD will attend next meeting on March 13th to address questions about a/c and water/bottle fountains - cost, logistics, electrical, etc. Noted window a/c was not acceptable. Questions if sleeve or other a/c is option.

Arts and Words Event on Tuesday March 19th. Celebration of Students’ Work. Looking to make it as interactive as possible in many spaces - music in hallways, unicycle, maker space, anthology of student public work, etc. Looking to get the word out about this. Will have food (pizza?) and PTG can have a table and presence at this event for fundraising and outreach. Want to have a table with info, popcorn (Katie McGlynn) and a banner (Steph Steigerwaldt). Promote the no-buy fundraiser

Snow Days - MMSD will update schedule to make up missed time (subsequently announced addition of 3/18, 6/12, and more minutes each day - details at end of minutes)

TopChef Event: will be April 25th. Looking for parent support transporting students from school to the event. Question if like last year also need transport for training with chef? Last year PTG had a successful silent auction and can do it again - **we need volunteers to organize it. Call out for this?**

Winter MAPS testing is done and the school will communicate by mail the results, how to interpret those, and will also include resources for follow up support/work.

Code Red Drill - happening Friday 2/15 at 2pm. Emailed notice to parents/guardians and continuing to work on best practices around this including how many to have in a year.

Current Focus on How do we celebrate our students? Their work, their growth, their choices? Have photos of students in hallways, Create Sparkle Awards. Looking for opportunities to recognize and honor them.

Works in Progress:

Directory is almost ready - trying to create a format that can be reused each year.

Yearbook - being created again this year by Julie Hay-Chapman (the speech/language clinician)

Web Site - site will be mocked up and ready for comments and suggestions at the 3/13 meeting! We should have someone to filter the suggestions and then pass final revision on to Maria Banchik to implement.

Live Band/Karaoke Event: This has been a very successful fundraiser for Lowell. Thinking Sunday April 7th or 14th and location possibilities: Harmony, High Noon, Sylvie. (location with food/drinks?) Lynn Lee will check with his contacts. Local bands or student bands, karaoke, emcee. Looking for suggestions - Vegan Steakhouse, Slag, Post Social, Bluegrass? Sarah Williams. Cover entertainment costs from donations by local businesses. Name event: O’Keeffe Music Fest? Georgia O’Keeffe Jams? Flyers - design by Steph Steigerwaldt. Music, Organize - Mia Broderson, Maria Banchik, and Lisa Nielson Agnew

No Buy Fundraiser - Katie McGlynn/Lynn Lee created a great outreach flyer with PTG info and direct ask for donations. Can be received online or mailed to PTG at school address. Should get this out via all possible means - MMSD email, text, shares through FB contacts. Also Friday March 5th is The Big Share - should we register with them?

How does PTG get student input/feedback?? New student council has homeroom representatives for each class/grade. Staff contact for each grade: Joanna Liebl, Sarah Williams, Anna Templeton. We should reach out to them, attend one of their meetings and invite to our. Maria Banchik will do this.

Best channels for PTG Communication with the community - issues with multiple channels (FB, listserv, email, text) and diluting the conversation as it is spread out over different streams. Is listserv dead? Some people aren't on FaceBook. Text is great but may incur charges to the recipient. Web site is coming and will help. Suggestion to make FaceBook more of a destination by creating energy with posting items of interest, photos of students and events. Creating FaceBook Events. Should we consider Instagram? Acknowledging the need to monitor public social media accounts and to verify students in photos are OK for public use. (Mandy Kuse has list, Mindy Grant is OKeeffe tech and social media staff person - good contact for this.) Nina will follow up with her. Better to have all of us work on contributing to FB presence and posts versus one person in charge. Lynn Lee updated cover photo!

Discussion:

Headphones - missed SASY grant deadline. Private donations a possibility? Maria Banchik will ask contact at Full Compass.

Shamrock Shakes - Liz Amundson is organizing - will check with Mandy Kuse/Jaimi Domini for numbers & details

Scoopie Night - still needs to be organized - is it worth the work? Can we eliminate student servers and just get % of proceeds? Schedule for late spring so it is warm out.

Staff Snacks - on Mondays. Can be brought to the office

Election Bake Sale? Yes - April 2nd - Tuesday after break. Steph Steigerwaldt & Liz Lauer. (Mia/Maria volunteered to bring food. Lynn will bring coffee.) Talk to Tony about better table placement.

Snack Pantry - Lynn had no response from Woodmans. East High has successful one - how? Have fundraisers done by local bars for food and \$.

Next meeting - Weds, March 13th 6 - 7:30pm in OKeeffe Library/Multiuse room

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Snow Day make up information: *Per Channel3000 news announcement on 2/14/2019:*

Students will attend a full day of school Monday, March 18. This will not be an early release day for middle and high school students. (This was previously scheduled as a staff-only day.)

Students will attend school Wednesday, June 12. This will be a full day of school and the last day of school for students. (This was previously scheduled as a staff-only day.)

Beginning Monday, Feb. 25, middle and high schools will start 2 minutes earlier and dismiss 5 minutes later than originally scheduled.

An important note about transportation: There is no change to the time that students catch Madison Metro busses in the morning. Students will simply have less buffer time once at school before the first bell rings. At dismissal, the bus schedule will shift by 5 minutes. In other words, you can expect your student to get off the bus 5 minutes later than they currently do. (Specialized and alternative transportation providers will also adjust their schedules.)