

Parent Crew Foundation

Meeting Agenda

October 6th, 2020

5:30 pm @ RSS

In Attendance:

Trena Hand, Principal

Allison Armour, Staff Liaison

Tiffany DeYoung, President

Allie Waltee, Vice-President

Brittnee Pierse, Treasurer

Jackie Bradley, Secretary

Rachael Kelley, Director of Communications

- I. Welcome
- II. Open Forum
- III. Principal Report
 - Getting ready for having everyone back in session after Fall Break.
 - Focusing on Team Building
 - Mindful classroom walks to get different ideas
 - The Positive Culture Committee is working on ways to continue to build crew with our staff.
 - Last week's team building activity at Castlewood Canyon was a success
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 - Parent feedback has been positive so far
 - Parents are loving the photos in the newsletter, volunteers doing what they can (helping with drumming, etc), feels like some of our community is coming back together
 - Mr. Scott (6th grade) is in need of a Crew Parent, reach out to Amanda Hancock with names.
 - Grant Writing for Renaissance
 - Two parents have reached out to volunteer to do grant writing for the school.
 - Jenny Henry will work with them to see which grants we want to go after so we can get started on them.
 - Jenny and parent volunteers need to run grants by Trena for approval/keep in the loop.

- There are some grants that students can be involved in during the writing process.
- Parent Survey
 - There seems to be a need to hear about how parents are feeling (long term goals of the school, how parents are feeling as we phase back to full time school, etc.)
 - During pick up at the end of the day was a time when we used to get feedback from parents and since we don't have that this year, so far, we'd still like to hear how people are feeling.
 - Every survey has outliers, but we can extract a lot of valuable information and get a good pulse on the school.
- Cap Elim family voyage
 - Tiffany is getting the information flier out asap for parents to start signing up. Cost will be \$85/per person.
 - This is a great opportunity for school families to build as crew and to be able to get a better understanding of what voyage is like for our students on voyage.

B. Vice-President

- Parents Night Out
 - It has been difficult to find a restaurant that could safely accommodate a gathering and may not be feasible with current gathering restrictions.
 - Mattney Park gazebo is open and could be a potential option for parents to bring their chairs and their dinners and to gather socially-distanced
 - It would be our first week back from Fall Break/early November (if we do go forward with it)
 - This may be a good topic to put on our Parent Survey-to see what the interest may be from the parent community

C. Treasurer

- We were able to support the team building day for staff at Castlewood Canyon
- We are also able to support all the staff members who want to attend the upcoming EL conference, any teacher/staff member who wants to go was able to be registered.
- Everything's within the budget that was approved in the Spring; if anything falls outside the previously approved budget, Brittnee will make a motion to approve for the Board to vote on.

D. Secretary

- Brittnee motioned and Allie seconded to approve meeting minutes. September meeting minutes approved by all.
- Crew Wear
 - Gina will put out the regular crew wear store soon so people can order and get crew wear before Winter Break.
- Mabel's Labels push-Jackie and Rachael will meet next week to get information out on social media to families.
- Open enrollment-not sure if we'll be adding during the '20-'21 school year, so no new families to add to the family mentoring program.
- Jackie will touch base with Andrea regarding Box Tops and Milktops for Moola.

E. Director of Communications

- Camp Elim voyage page created set up over break
- Mabel's Labels information out there on the website
- Do we want to pursue and promote having ad space added to the newsletter?
 - Since we're not able to do our normal fundraising this year, this may be a good way to get some extra fundraising done.
 - Rachael is going to set some price points and more information about it for the November meeting
 - Could we link to families within the school who own local businesses.

F. Staff Liaison

V. Old Business

A. Red envelope

- This was a great opportunity last year to show appreciation for all staff during the holidays. All staff members got a check based on parents donating to a school-wide fundraiser drive
- Last year we also had the auction crew baskets due at the same time.
- Last year the concern was that with this going on at the same time as holiday family adoptions it seemed like a lot all at once.
 - Allison is hoping to get rolling out on holiday adoptions by late October/early November
 - Allison has already started fundraising
 - All family gifts will be due back to Allison by December 5th.
 - Hoping to have all the families contacted by the end of October

- Need to increase communication about the different acts of service and giving that the Renaissance community participates in during the holiday season.
 - Get this out in the early November
 - Tiffany will be working on a letter and will run it by Allison to make sure the language/expectations is consistent
- Red envelopes will go out after Thanksgiving break on November 30th.

B. Fundraising

- Should we go forward with a “Write-a-Check” campaign?
- Some local schools have tried on campaigns but they haven’t been entirely successful and haven’t raised much with online auction fundraising.
- We collectively want to avoid going to local businesses to ask for donations because so many businesses are struggling and have always supported us in years past.
- We’d like to just move forward with a “Write-a-Check” and parents can donate if they want to and if they’re able to.
- We would focus on this campaign in late March to best suit our families. (In lieu of our usual celebration).
- Trena and Allison are going to look into a specific need in the school to direct our fundraising goals towards for the campaign.
- Allie will reach out to the auction committee to let them know of our plans.
- We are still not able to utilize our parking spots and the spots that were bought during last year’s auction due to district regulations of families on school property.
 - We are so thankful for our committees who are doing so much brainstorming!

VI. New Business

A. Halloween Parties

- The Positive Culture Committee really wants to help our students have a nice Halloween experience
- Students will come to school wearing their costumes and with their day’s clothes underneath. Students will have a socially distanced, outdoor parade around the perimeter that will be live streamed.
- Teachers will be finding ways to celebrate the day during class
- The Parent Crew Board will work on goody bags for students but avoid all food items. We’ll also assemble for the teachers.

- Allie will look through her Oriental Trading Company book and will send out some options to the board via text for us to decide what to fill the goody bags with.

B. Food Drive

- 9News isn't doing the food drive this year that usually goes to the Help & Hope Center which helps our local community.
 - They were hit very hard during the pandemic.
- The Help & Hope center will be running their own food and toiletry drive November 1st through the 14th.
- Could we have a competition between grades or between REMS and RSS?
- Should we communicate the holiday giving drives all together or separately?

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

*Zoom [Link](#) (For those who cannot attend in person)