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**Cucinella PTO**

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

Attendance: Alyssa Nelson, Nicole Weigel, Jen Rutkowski, Lindsay Ramcharitar, Christine Amador, Eileen Corritori, Anabeth Carl, Liz Schwartz, Robyn Lanci, Sonia Taneja, Peter Dressler, Jessica Harrison Calderon, Erin Halpin, Tara Doherty, Mary Anna Waller

Virtual Attendance: Kelli Pinnola, Caitlin Whalen, Chris Perruso, Dan O’Connor, Daniella Delaney, Diana Callahan, Jessica Apgar, Jessica Corino, Jessica Dyshuk, Jessica Pricci, Danielle Campion, Nicole Eckert, Lisa Oh, Sarah Cipolleti, Stacy Poto, Megan Melofchik, Toni Sturzebecker, Michelle McCarthy, Morgan Bayard, Natasha DiLauro, Noelle Egner, Robyn Clancy

1. Welcome—Called to order 7:05
   1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
   1. Approval of September Minutes—Lindsay approved, Jen 2nd. All in favor, no abstentions.
3. President’s Report
   1. Thank you to all of the volunteers for the first family fun night
   2. We have raised $41,300 from the Fun Run. Donations will be accepted until midnight on 10/14.
   3. The BOE will have a candidate night next Tuesday, 10/15 from 7-9pm at Valley View Chapel.
   4. Upcoming Dates:
      1. 10/7-10/11 Week of Respect
      2. 10/14-No School
      3. 10/17-Picture Day
      4. 10/25 Trunk or Treat
      5. 11/4-11/6-Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
4. Treasurer Report
   1. We started out around $25,000. As of now we have $35,000. A lot of things are coming and going. After room parent donations and class funds are distributed we will probably land around $20,000 before the Fun Run money gets deposited. We are in really good shape!
   2. Please remember to email the treasurers and the PTO email address when asking for reimbursements.
5. Principal Report
   1. The Fun Run today was a huge success. The timing was perfect and everyone was very happy. Thank you to everyone who made it go so smoothly.
   2. Upcoming Events:
      1. The gifted and talented BTS night will be 10/22 at Flocktown
      2. BAC Halloween Parade will be on 10/31
   3. We are several weeks into the school year and we are getting into the core of instruction. The new math curriculum is wildly successful.
   4. Students are off on 10/14 but teachers will be receiving training.
   5. 10/28 will be the date that the children earn their big reward for meeting their Fun Run donation goal.
6. Committee Reports
   1. Membership-Membership registration is open all year round
   2. Assemblies/Programs-The next assembly is being planned and will be announced soon.
   3. Communications
      1. SEPAG
         1. 10/15 @7pm LVMS Library. Ms. Erbe will be the guest speaker talking about pet therapy.
         2. 11/5 from 2:30-3:30 will be Game Time at the public library. There will be another game night in December.
      2. Yearbook
         1. 5th grade cover contest—the winner can receive a free yearbook. The contest runs until the end of November.
         2. The Yearbook committee met on 9/26.
         3. Liz is hoping to have links out to the room parents so they can upload party pictures
         4. We will try to slow the Halloween parade a bit so we can get pictures for the yearbook
      3. Library Helpers-Everything is going well.
      4. Please send the All About the Teacher Forms to Liz
   4. Fundraising/Events
      1. Gertrude Hawk will run from 10/7-11/1. If people are ordering online it will go until mid December.
      2. Harlem Wizards-Looking for dates in January and February. Potentially a double header. Date options will be sent to the Principles and will be decided soon.
      3. We are looking into an adult only event as a fundraiser
      4. The Spirit store is open online and will be open all year
   5. Room Parent Coordinator
      1. We had 385 donations from all of the classes and collected almost $14,000. Checks were given out to room parents today
      2. Chris will send a list of the children whose parents do not want photographed and Kelli will let the room parents know.
   6. Teacher Appreciation-The next things on the calendar will be Halloween and Thanksgiving.
   7. Family Fun Nights
      1. Trunk or Treat is 10/25
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment—7:31pm