Minutes: F-R PTO Board Meeting – 12/14/21, 5:30-6:45pm

**Call to Order** – 5:33

Attendees: Sarah Jung; Ann Sydnor; Coral Conant Gilles; Tasha Moxley, Mary Rihani; Kristi Kloos; John Wallace, Colleen Manner, Julie Ann Stawicki

Sara calls meeting to order 5:36

Ann motions to approve November minutes – Mary seconds – Approved.

**Fundraising**: Tasha gives update

* Fundraiser kicked off Nov 15th. Recommend continuing campaign into 2022
* Goal is $25,000. Currently at $8,340.
* Can principals and staff get videos to show how finds are used? Or personal notes or photos about how they’ve used these funds
* Are we not reaching the full audience by relying only on electronic communication? John: continue to get the word out via teacher newsletters / communication channels.
* Ann – perhaps we can set an end date in our January meeting. We have reserves and learnings about how we can proceed in the future. It’s a hard year for people financially.

**Parking Updates**:

* Mary: Colleen will co-chair parking next year
* $11,000 from UW athletics. $28,000 from parking. Total of $39k, $3k expenses. Giveback – $7k. Net cash income is about $29,000
* Want to renegotiate UW contract in the Spring
* Research handicap parking
* Will brainstorm the title 1 donation process to make it less stressful for volunteers

**Budget**

* Circled back with Shelly Block about computer case funding. We won’t need them anymore – After break the kids can leave their computers at Franklin.
* Budget Update. Going as expected. We have 20K of reserves. Some years are better than others on fundraising.
* Coral question: How are they applying milk funds? How will parents know if their kids are getting milk? Kristi can get Coral more info.

**Community Engagement**

* Historically there hasn’t been much attendance on PTO community member meeting. More recently the focus has been on Classroom Coordinators program and Equity and Inclusion Committee. Interest was still low.
* How can we improve communication? Can we delegate Classroom Coordinators and Equity and Inclusion, and instead Coral will focus on internal communication, onboarding, external communication? Is distribution equitable and effective? And do we need a new Communications board position? (Coral will focus on these questions/tasks this year but this is not a precedent for the Community Engagement position)
* Tasha – lets be mindful to be nimble as we recruit volunteers, they can use their own strengths.
* JulieAnn – happy to help. Helpful to define roles. Organizational structure
* Three things to accomplish: 1) Process to facilitate board discussion on overarching board goals and values. 2) Updating description of existing and potential board member roles 3) Suggest a process for recruiting and onboarding new members
* Coral adds – does community know what the board does and how to get involved?
* Sarah – strongly advocate for a communications position on the board
* Ann – would love to reignite community engagement. Perhaps community PTO picnic

**Community Membership Meeting : 6:45 – 7:15**

Principle Updates:

Kristi / Franklin

* Thank you for playground support. Great for kids.
* Just announced that K-2 will get new devices and they will not have to go back and forth
* School values: Family, Kindness, Trust and Joy. Kids earning their Golden Falcons
* Continuing professional development with early reading.
* Standard Space report cards this year vs Narrative. More info coming
* Yesterday we opened a Covid clinic at Franklin. There is a room inside to service staff and students. Potter street sign has a spot where people can drive up. Will help families access testing.
* Esser Funds- expecting books, codable text books, stem related materials, desks and new learning surfaces, looking into canopies for playground so it’s not so hot, sandbox, picnic tables. Esser 3 finds seems to be in support of mental health, will look into that.
* Yamaya sisters – 2nd grade African American girls coming together building community.

John / Randall

* Kids and Teachers have adjusted so well. Kristi and John have been subbing, as there is a shortage of subs. It’s been a real joy.
* We are Family – kids spending so much time as a cohort has strengthened bonds and tolerance
* The kids are in zones and they talk to their friends across boards but stay in their zones
* Esser -new string instruments for 5th graders, perhaps canopy for garden, wifi for garden
* Students and teachers want to bring popcorn back!
* Students sent notes of encouragement to UW athletes. Book it with Bucky – students were able to attend a UW game
* Students performed their music in the hallway – lifted the school

Meeting is adjourned: 7:14