

EE Waddell Language Academy PTSO Full Board Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2019 in the Teacher's Lounge

Meeting called to order by President Cat McClain at 7:36 am

Board Members Present:

Cat McClain, President
Patty Kelly, Past President
Alexis Gillespie, VP for the Elementary School
Jennifer Parker, VP for the Middle School
Shea Clarke, Secretary
Julie Isaacson, Treasurer
Erin Martin, Assistant Treasurer
Natasha Williams, French Ambassador
Kyra Short, German Ambassador
Veruzca Avila, Spanish Ambassador
Adrienne Johnson, Specials Ambassador
Meg Standridge, Sixth Grade Ambassador
Tamara Frierson, Athletics Ambassador
Chrissy Premeaux, Director of Hospitality
Nikki Devillers
Liz McIlwain

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes- 8/16 Board Retreat, 9/17 and 9/18 General Meetings
2. FunRun Update
3. KidsCan Update
4. PTSO Support for Camp Thunderbird
5. Finance Update
 - a. Funds for Career Day
 - b. Dress Down Days
6. Bylaw Revisions
7. World Market
8. School Tours

Upcoming Events:

- October 21 SLT Meeting 6pm
- October 25 PTSO General Meeting- Coffee with Dr. Eybl 8:30am
- October 28 Teacher Workday
- October 31 Book Character Day
- November 5 Teacher Workday
- November 11 Veteran's Day Holiday (No School)
- November 12 Spanish Culture Night
- November 18-22 International Week
- November 22 PTSO Executive Board Meeting
- November 25 SLT Meeting 4pm
- November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

Approval of Minutes: Jennifer Parker motioned to approve the minutes from the 8/16/19 Board Retreat, 9/17/19 and 9/18/19 General Meetings. Julie Isaacson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Business:

1. Cat gave a brief FunRun update. We are about \$10k away from our \$70k goal. Today is the last day to turn in pledges. There has not been a lot of negative feedback/comments on the FunRun this year. (See follow up information listed under Business Item #7)
2. KidsCan Update. Ulla Hinchey has volunteered to help with this initiative. She will need to take the lead or else hand over to the Student Council or NJHS. Ulla will need details and logistics. Cat to contact her soon.
3. PTSO Support for Camp Thunderbird. \$3k for charter buses. PTSO funds should not go towards buses but we will provide scholarships. The buses will be \$23 per child for the buses to and from the camp. They will be able to stay until 4:30pm instead of 1:30pm and will have the option of zip-lining. The trip cost is \$34/35 per child. Trip cost plus buses will be \$60 per child. Julie will get with Lisa to find out how scholarships are handled on other CMS Field Trips. Teachers should contact PTSO and submit how many children need assistance.
4. Julie passed out proposed bylaw revisions handout. Cutting President Elect and updating counts to match what we currently have. Cat McClain motioned to revise the Bylaws as outlined in the handout. Patti Kelly seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Shea will update the master document with the changes.
5. Julie gave a budget update. Oct. 1 was the deadline for classroom grants which came in under at about \$6500. Chinese chaperone cost is very under. French exchange trip underway but chaperone money has not been used. Ms. Hardy stated they do not have funds for Career Day for swag bags and treats for guests. Discussed just having snacks for that day which is March. 14.
6. Discussed dollar dress down days. Students would pay \$1 to not wear a uniform for that day. The school does not want to handle cash so PTSO would need to handle logistics. Sabine and Chrissy to brainstorm and revisit next meeting.
7. Patti gave an official FunRun update. Raised \$60k. We need to commit to FunRun for next school year by November. Next year's dates would be Sept. 29 – Oct. 9. Patti organizing popcorn for everyone to end the fundraiser.
8. World Market has been moved to Wednesday, December 11. Need Silent Auction baskets. Sabine will send out Auction basket sheet for room parents. We need a food committee and craft donations. Committees need to be formed followed by individual meetings. We have not received any information on Camp Cody. Every other year they offer free 1-week camps. On the off year, they offer a discount. Briefly discussed other fundraising ideas such as pumpkin patches and a mum sale.
9. School Tours- PTSO does not have a school tour committee. We do organize parent volunteers for the tours via Parent Square. Tour guides need to wear the Creating Bright Futures tee shirt. Discussed having a training session for volunteers. Some parents expect admin to also be present during the tour to answer questions. We need to identify a PTSO board member to coordinate volunteers and get commitment from an admin to be present to answer questions.

Next Meeting:

PTSO General Meeting|Coffee with Dr. Eybl, Friday, October 25, 2019 at 8:30am in the auditorium

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 am.