**PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting**

October 4th, 2017

In Attendance: Nidhi Singh, Beth Carmody, Kendal Reis, Lauren Leboyer, Kate Kligora, Julie Oleshansky, Flannery Buchanan, Abby Burtelow

Special Guest: Trisha Kocanda,

1. Welcome— Nidhi Singh
2. Guest Speaker – Trisha Kocanda
   * 1. Future Ready D36: Great turnout at all locations. Positive feedback. DLR presentation at Greeley had technical difficulties with the instant polling which was unfortunate. Students presenting were excellent.
     2. End of phase one of this 6 phase plan (Phase 1 is “what is”). Presentations are on the website if you’d like to see.
     3. Core team has 7 community members: They are starting to meet and review data from phase 1.
     4. The next big push is for the meeting on Oct. 24, which is Global Perspectives. DLR will be exposing the community to new big ideas.
        1. Invitations are being sent out to this event to encourage more community members to attend and become informed.
        2. DLR has a Road map with a vision for teaching and learning, and how to incorporate new improvements for the schools
3. Approval of Minutes—Julie Oleshansky
   1. Motion to approve: Kate Kligora
   2. Second: Kendal Reis
4. President’s Report – Nidhi Singh
   1. Directory Spot went live. There might be some minor changes that need to be made
   2. Go to school night went great.
   3. Volunteering process for Art Room & Idea Lab are different this year, teachers are working on sorting this out right now.
   4. Views & visions last week was a very good crowd & Beth had a wonderful presentation.
   5. Upcoming programs: World travelers are doing Greece next. Payment for World Travelers is being discussed. Perhaps an easier way to coordinate payment and signature forms. Kate Kligora is looking into this.
   6. Fall Luncheon is Nov. 3rd. Cost is $70 for guests. This is a community building event, not a fundraiser.
      1. Barbara Rinella is doing a dramatization of the book “The Hamilton Affair.” Sarah Alshouse and Jess Brosche are co-chairing this event together.
   7. Book fair will be held mid-November. Not many changes to this, all went smoothly last year. All proceeds go to Resource Center.
   8. Kindergarten report: Butterfly migration is happening at HW for the first time this year and is highly anticipated by all.
5. Principal’s Report—Beth Carmody
   1. Kindness connection (Friday, Jan. 12th): The most rewarding and well received is having the people (from the company) come to do it with the students. This will be for grades 1-4, Kindergarten will be doing something different on their own.
   2. Discussion about recent world events and how to handle them was addressed in Beth’s newsletter.
      1. Emergency test being conducted next Wed. Oct. 11th.
   3. Todd Burleson has taken a leave of absence, we have Dr. Jen Calito in charge off the Idea Lab during his absence. Right now we have substitutes helping and assisting Jen. Looking for an associate with a tech focus to help Dr. Calito.
   4. MAP scores going out for 3rd and 4th graders. This is the first time our students have taken this test (in comparison to other students in other districts that have taken this test before). Parents should consider this when receiving testing results.
   5. School improvement plan: Kendal Reis & Lauren Leboyer are on this committee with others. Focus: Community outreach, heart of the neighborhood.
      1. Data needs to be present to prove how we are making a difference in the school. Bingo board about how to become more aware in your community. “Do you know your mailman?” Getting students more aware of their community.
      2. Gary & Jude are working to incorporate Art & Music into this as well.
      3. Another great idea is to get in touch with reprise coffee and have them become a part of this.
   6. Candy collection: Box will be in the lobby after Halloween for donations. This will go out in the next Item Newsletter.
   7. Ways & Means:
      1. Addressed the wish list for teachers and the budget.
      2. Voted and approved: Flannery, Julie, Lauren, Kate, Kendal, Abby, Nidhi
      3. Funding needed for Mr. Dillon & Mrs. Rosinski for them to get interactive panels:
         1. Proposing using budget to get one and then ways & means to get the other. All teachers should learn how to use it together in one teacher training.

1. School Board Meeting Update: Nidhi Singh
   1. DLR’s presentation and findings from phase 1 were excellent and very well received.
   2. Trisha Kocanda & Kate Hughes received a PR/Communication award.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Kate Kligora & Abby Burtelow
   1. Close to finalizing back to school payments. Reached out to people to remind them and in response 10-12 people went out and bought items.
   2. Trying to determine functionality of Excel to make this whole process easier down the road. Perhaps talk to an Excel person (with Excel experience) to gain further insight into other options that will make this easier.
   3. Send one final email to the parents in May who haven’t purchased yearbooks to give them one final chance to order one.
      1. Might also be a wise to get 3 extra yearbooks to have on hand in case a parent is upset they didn’t order or receive one due to an oversight.
   4. Gift fund: 262 of the 277 families contributed to the teacher fund.
   5. Pizza Fun Lunch: lots of extra pizza leftover. Extras go to seconds for the students and to the teachers lounge. We discussed the possibility of adding another pizza fun lunch to the calendar since there is extra pizza.
   6. Grand Receipts challenge will be in November. In the next Item let parents know to start saving their receipts.
      1. Email room parents to get the word out there for Grand receipts and also fall luncheon.
3. Vice President’s Report – Kendal Reis
   1. Principal appreciation Month this month.
      1. Thank you to Beth in The Item & a big thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication!
   2. Class Parent parties are happening and going well so far.
4. Communications Report – Lauren Leboyer & Flannery Buchanan
   1. The Item – Highlight National Principal Month and inform HW parents about the fall luncheon coming up. Simple reminders about the book fair and the luncheon that are coming up as well.
5. Discussion Items

*Meeting Adjourned: 11:10am*