

PTO EB Meeting 5-7-14

In attendance: Abbie, Shannon, Henry, Sivan, Joie, Anne & Michele

- 1) Informally discussed suggesting that the Middle School Musical present selections from "Annie Jr." to the whole school to increase interest in attending this weekend.
- 2) Coding club. We will have an activity bus, due to Title 1 \$ and Maria Y will come back to do coding club as an after school activity for 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 3) PTO will present an evening on cyber-safety on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The PTO will provide baby-sitting. Joie will check on and confirm babysitting.
- 4) Budget
  - a. We will add Frick Environmental to the budget
  - b. The musical will remain in the budget. Lots of children have gotten involved in the musical this year.
  - c. Motion to increase the technology line in the budget next year to support more Ipad carts. Carts are about \$6000 + the ipads and may not be the best expenditure. The school already has 6 carts. However apple TVs for each cart would be a benefit. We also discussed a projection system for the gym with good sound.
- 5) Musical and theater:
  - a. Given that the musical has been well received by the teachers and students involved in creating it, there is the possibility of a play in the fall.
  - b. The curtain that we tried to procure from another school is unfit to be used (potential fire hazard). Thus, we are considering purchasing a curtain made for the stage (\$10,000). Ideas including "donors choose" to help offset the cost of parents purchasing the curtains were discussed. Because of the amount of this expense it will be put in front of the full PTO membership in next year's budget. We agreed to put the curtain as a line item in next year's budget.
  - c. Performance improvement/upgrade line in budget to include curtain and projector/AV upgrade in gym/auditorium \$15K.
- 6) Technology line will be increased to \$8K, to encompass other items, such as \$5K for AppleTV. Not every teacher will need AppleTV, so they will be provided by request only.
- 7) Title I funds will come in next year, as well – and PTO funds (or Principal's discretionary fund) might supplement programs otherwise paid for with Title I funds, such as after-school program and teacher training.

8) Officers for next year.

Ray will be Treasurer, Mary Lou Assistant Treasurer, Tiffany Stuckey Volunteer Coordinator, Alan Crawford Fundraising (Alan is also willing to do Events, if someone else steps in for Fundraising).

Still to be filled – Communications, Events, and Secretary.

Submitted by Michele Levine and Anne Kurzweg