

Attendees

Board: Dave Lebel, Ross McGowan, Lisa Zur, Ashley Ingram, Joe Moore, Robin Taylor, Ross Ingram

Community: Sarah Grubb, Mary Ellen Vajravelu, karey, Kara, Cindy

Detailed Notes

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of past PTO events
 - Kindergarten Playdate
 - Food Truck Fiesta
 - Squirrel Hill Night Market
- Treasury Update & Report
 - Reviewed current balance report
 - Reviewed budget performance report
 - Voted to approve Treasury update
 - Update was approved 5 (yay) - 0 (nay)
- Fundraising
 - Spiritwear Drive & Update
 - Sale closed last night (Oct 12)
 - Sold 184 items vs. ~120 last year
 - Fiesta
 - Kona Ice gave a donation, plus raised some additional funds via pizza sales
 - Funds for supplies throughout year
 - Will look to do another fundraising effort once effort to get purifiers for every classroom is finalized
- Communications
 - Colfax directory
 - 140 families submitted info
 - 10-15 per grade
- Call for Volunteers
 - Outdoor lunches
 - Still could use a few more volunteers, especially since school staff is stretched thin
 - We have a volunteer in almost all slots
 - Two slots don't have anyone
- Student Safety
 - Outdoor lunches
 - Volunteers are unsure about:
 - How to deal with behavioral issues
 - How to get more supplies when needed

- How to best transition between groups of kids
 - Discussed ways to coordinate among volunteers for filling in each other's slots when needed
- Air Purifiers & Filters
 - PTO reached out to district to understand potential funding sources
 - Our understanding is that funds will not be used for purification
 - Some funds have been used for filtration across all schools
 - Info can be found on PPS website
 - We coordinated fundraising efforts through homeroom reps to allow for faster donations and equity across all classrooms
 - If there are not enough donations for individual classrooms, PTO will provide funds to address gaps
 - To date, 16 of 38 classrooms have purchased and installed purifiers
 - Nurse Short said there are 13 rooms that aren't homerooms, and those will need purifiers as well
- Questions and Input from Community
 - Based on parent feedback, we discussed the decision making process to coordinate air purifier fundraising efforts through homeroom reps
 - For homerooms without reps, PTO will cover purchases with excess donations from other homerooms

Action Items

- Get clarification from Dr. Woods on how lunch volunteers should handle issues listed above
- Complete process of acquiring filters for classrooms without a standalone unit.