

PTO Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 7th

President Updates – Chrissy and Eleni

Treasurer – Yong Chen/Chrissy Harrison

- Chrissy provided a quick update on the numbers:
 - About 750 members
 - Balance ~ \$31K

School Board – Erica Allenburg

- Emails went out inviting the public to attend/participate in providing feedback on the strategic planning process for the Edina schools
- How to improve board communication: looking to broadcast the 11/9 meeting on YouTube
- Provided topline feedback on the results of surveys that went out to multiple groups
 - Discussed two specific groups (residents w/no students in school and outbound parents who chose to leave Edina schools)
 - Felt overall results were good; entire survey and results are posted online for everyone to see

Mosaic – Mike Pretasky

- Second year for the parent Mosaic group; about 155 members strong
- Next meeting is second Monday in December from 6:30-8:30 in the Commons
- How to get more people involved with the group
- Outline the norms/tenets of the group to ensure it's a good cross section of parents
- Goal to get parents involved in the school and help improve the culture
- Judy suggested she could do a story on the group for the next PTO newsletter to help drive awareness on the group
- Suggestion to reach out to people specifically to join -again want to make sure it's a good representation of the student body
- Request \$150 for snacks to hand out during finals

PLC – Tom Ruppert

- Topics covered during the last meeting included: security update, ensuring parents know they can sign-up to get emails about their child's grades, discussed their strategic plans
- Looking to rotate meetings to other sites so people can see the construction updates/other schools

Hospitality – Angella McGarvey

- Coffee with the principal: event was in Fick and overall the event went well. One update for next time, if it's held in Fick, is to move the food inside.
 - Potentially move a coffee w/the principal to the evening to try and accommodate parents not able to attend during the day
- Staff dinner: had two different locations to accommodate everyone
- Looking to do a pop-up treat, healthy one, before finals in mid-January

Principal – Andy Beaton

Parent Coffee recap:

- Vaping issue was big topic
- Looking for a January time for a parent forum specifically on it

Virtual Sub update:

- 26 teachers are involved; positive reaction so far from both students and teachers

Veteran's Day Celebration:

- Leadership and service were the theme of the program

Leadership Event held at EHS:

- Jostens sponsored the event here; multiple student leaders from across the community were involved

Mini-Grant Discussion:

- \$90 requested for 18 Starbucks gift cards for Tradition of Excellence: Approved
- \$189 requested for Health office posters (4) and School Nursing textbooks (2): Approved
- \$879.50 requested for Orchestra instrument locker locks: Asked for additional information
- \$280 requested for Orchestra music storage boxes: Approved

Presentation by Laura McCullen and Jeff Jorgenson (Sp. Ed Coordinator at EHS and Director of Student Services)

- Provided an overview of the gap in funding for student counseling services and opportunity to develop a partnership with Fraser
- \$20K is the start-up cost and then referrals will sustain the program (approximately 30 students being seen would maintain the program)
- Currently looking for source \$60K for to fund 2 middle school resources and 1 HS resource; they were not asking the PTO for all the funding just looking to educate and try to tap all potential areas for funding
- Objective to arm teachers to help identify wall flowers or students in need
- Having counselors on-site really help students get time during the day to get the help they need
- Community forum on Stress and the Brain – 11/27

Attendees captured on separate recap form