

We will discuss the **Talent Show at Coffee with the APC Thursday, Dec 14, 8 - 8:55 am** in the big yurt at LFW.

Next PTO Meeting **Thursday, January 25** from 3:30-5pm at LFW Mo's room

11/30/23 PTO Minutes

Present: Kyle, Mo, Lizzy, Tessa, Greta, Lauren, Tessa, Misty, Olympia, Jenni, Anna, Tim, Margaret

Welcome

Presentation from Kim Fine about OPUS/Fireweed Frescoes, partnering w PTO and parent involvement:

Kim provided a general overview of the structure of OPUS and the programs that fall under opus including Fireweed Frescoes and reiterated how it connects to Fireweed We Believe and values Specifically how music enhances skills that help kids be better students, citizens, etc.

How can the PTO support the Fireweed Frescoes?

- collaborative fundraising efforts where a percentage of proceeds would go to support the program
- fundraising through 99 Pledges - Kim will present how to set this up at one of the PTO meetings - will be run by PTO
- goal of \$2500 for the year

How can the PTO support the Fireweed Frescoes?

- Parents supporting events and performances
- There used to be steering committee that handled all Frescoes fundraising and planning but now we are hoping that will fall under the PTO umbrella
- General support of parents to the program and volunteers
- Helping guide direction of Frescoes, collaboration of community events
- Recruiting Frescoes to play in community and at school events
- Visioning for the year and brainstorming
- Possible small team of PTO parents that can support logistics of performances and fundraising

Event ideas:

- Mr Holland's Opus playing at the movie theater
 - frescoes play before the movie and then families can watch the movie
 - January 26th, Feb 9th - kids commission to see movie - then subtract fees for movie theater rental
- Valentines grams around town
- Talent show with Frescoes performing
- May Day celebration with Frescoes performance

Harvest Festival RECAP:

What went well:

- everything!
- the turn out was amazing
- organization was amazing- loved the soup signs for ease of soup drop-off and people selecting their soup
- donations were spectacular
- having food split up left and right side of the gym worked really well, we had a meat/veggie/fish option at each table and signs we made hanging above so that parents could see options right when they walked in

Improvements for next year:

- Start 30 minutes earlier 5:30pm instead of 6pm
- Check out system improvement - streamline getting won items by the check out table earlier, more defined system for checking out, more people at check out
- Do we want a bigger space for next year? Yes but not sure where that would be- SPARC, High School Gym? Place w large eating area, space for kids
 - feel free to bring your own bowl next year?
 - bowls donated like the Food Pantry
- Drink station needs a supervisor - we need A LOT more drinks signed up to bring next year, make sure we have drink vessels with water available - Agreed that we should invest in something that looks nice to display beverages/water w lemon
- Recycling containers for cans, etc
- Loopy Lupine -request donations for paper goods to use
- USE the document Greta created for donations and what the process looks like
- prep the decorations/set up process ahead of time - have a clear plan/instruction, in writing for the set up volunteers when they arrive
- Photo Booth was underused- needs a better location, could maybe have a professional photographer running it? OR effort to make it happen could be applied elsewhere
- Make an announcement about the movie room, add more crafts and activities for kids- would allow parents to relax, stay longer

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion on how funds From Harvest Festival were allocated across the 710 accounts, shared treasury report

Ideas for ways to spend funds

- Music at BFW - bringing music artist in the school
- bring in a writer to do a book reading, or an illustrator

- Do we want to allocate any funds for Frescoes? Donate all proceeds from Crafternoon to the Frescoes? YES, everyone agreed
- Kyle will report back what we already have available for funds to be used for these areas already so the PTO funds can add to the year instead of replace

Crafternoon next Friday, Dec 8th, 1-4 LFW yurt and play yard

Everything's coming together!

- need music speakers for the event
- Need to set prices for each craft - person in charge of craft could decide on price - somewhere between \$4-10
 - Tea towels - Greta/Amy
 - Wood ornament - Amanda/Lauren
 - Elf felt ornaments - Olympia
 - Ceramic ornaments-Maygen
 - Reindeer ornaments- Sarah Roberts
 - Snowflakes and cards - free craft options, have Misty, Jen, Mary on board to run the station, help as needed.
- Only take cash/check - use tickets - \$1 tickets and \$5 tickets
- need volunteer to run check in station
- use lunch tables
- Sixth grade part - 8 baked goods, no hot drinks were donated
 - PTO funds will be used to purchase tea bags, cider packets, and hot chocolate packets
 - Santa - should he be there for the whole whole? No just at the beginning, he will be there 2-4pm - sell tickets to sit with Santa use your own phone to take a photo with Santa

*Kyle will send email to parents with details about the event- Greta emailed info to him 12/1/23

Looking Ahead: Variety/Talent Show March

Interest

- Who prepares the kids for the show- kids work up acts at home vs school? Are teachers interested in using Artists in the Schools to add talent show prep to their curriculum? Circus arts, prop making, poetry, music/singing, dance, magic, etc?
 - Greta sent a brief email to Carly about this. Kyle to follow up and ask teachers how involved they would want to and be able to be in a variety show, report back to PTO

Parent Involvement

- Fundraiser- spaghetti feed
- Would need a parent committee- planning, facilitating getting acts on/off stage, lights, tech aspects, tickets, clean up, etc

- Would need more/different parents ready to take a role in planning committee OR variety show would need to be a primarily school-led event (the show) with parents coordinating the food and \$ end of the event.

Timing

- Was scheduled March 1 but the Link Up Concert is the following night on March 2- bad timing/too much in one weekend.
- Consider pushing back- March 29th, turns out that is WHE talent show/would need a non-school space to use
- Is there enough time to get this planned for March? PTO send email to parents to gauge interest and willingness to help, discuss at 12/14 Coffee APC and at Jan PTO meeting

Presentation by Jenni Medley about Title 1

- Title 1 federal program requires Action Plan that is generated by PARENTS and STAFF
- Jenni passed out the “Parent and Family Engagement- Action Plan”
- Discussed ways to engage with families, best timing- making bookbags and math night were top parental picks when surveyed
- Misty shared ideas about what worked from when she was teaching 3rd grade- family engagement, science night, authors in the school
- Title 1 can buy “light refreshments,” possible for PTO to supply “heavy” refreshments and be able to offer families dinner as part of a family engagement evening?
- Jenni will piggyback Title 1 activities with PTO events: bookmark making at Crafternoon, station at Mayday Celebration

DID NOT make it to Staff Appreciation, Officers, One Campus Updates - Add to January Agenda, need time keeper/set times for each agenda item for future meetings