

PARENTS & TEACHERS HOPE

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Meeting: 6:00 PM

Social: 7:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Irina Anthony, Sonjia Barker, Heidi Coy, Lynn Imel, Kathryn Johnson, Mary Norton, Heather Paar, Jen Rice, Meagan Slawson

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Report – Mrs. Okabayashi (given by Sonjia Barker and Sally Heit)

- Thank you to everyone who came
- Thank you to Meagan and Lynn for their leadership of Fun Run, Sonjia for her overall PTH leadership, and Heather for Chinook Books leadership!
- First month of school has gone smoothly
- Good reviews from the new "Second Step" social and emotional skills curriculum from teachers and students so far.
 - Preventing bullying, conflict resolution skills
 - Focus on social media/global citizen? Yes, at Middle School level
- Seattle Lutheran HS is showing the movie "Angst" Thursday night at 6:30 PM, a film about anxiety, it's causes and effects, and what we can do about it. It's intended for students age 12 and up and adults – you are welcome to attend.
- Thanks for all the prayers and support for surgery tomorrow – much appreciated! Pray that everything goes smoothly and recovery goes well (it should!)

Treasurer's Report

- Review Budget for 2017-2018 school year – Kathryn Johnson
 - Majority of what is raised goes back to our students. \$9500 went back to classes. It also goes toward community events and class parties. Very little is leftover at the end of the year.
 - Schoola - made \$300 from clothing drive
 - Scrip cards - % of gift cards goes back to school
 - New coordinator – Sam Lunsford
 - Goal is to revamp the Scrip program this year
 - Boxtops for Educations – preschool benefits from these
 - New coordinator this year
 - Benefit Mobile – eScrip app. More info will be in the weekly envelope
 - Needs vary year-to-year. PTH and Teachers decide what to prioritize.
 - Auction helps fund the PTH budget for 2 years. Other events make up the rest.
 - Question about yearbook not in PTH budget. It is offered a class so it is under the school budget this year.
 - Question about need based scholarships for families. Not part of the PTH budget, it is part of the school/church budget. Hope has a financial aid program here (third party company) and they make recommendations to the committee.
 - Motion for budget approval. Seconded.
 - Budget for 2017-2018 approved.

FUNdraising for 2017-2018

- Chinook Book Preliminary Results – Heather Paar
 - Chinook Books wrapped up last week. Net profit \$3092.50 (plus 152.50 in cash donations).
 - 248 books sold, \$3100 for school. Made \$255 on app sales.
 - Sales were better this year compared to last
 - 22 books still out (\$262.50). If returned, no cost to us.
 - May not sell next year. Mrs. Okabayashi will meet with Chinook Book to decide.
- Fun Run – Meagan Slawson and Lynn Imel
 - Currently at 37% of our goal to raise \$25,000. School has 57% participation.
 - \$5000 will go back to PTH and all excess will go toward the new playground (\$10,000)
 - Send out emails. Ask about matching donations.
 - Are reminders going home? Orange slip went home in Tuesday envelope
 - Goal is \$125 per child to exceed our overall goal
 - Trying to maintain a balance between too many reminders and not enough
 - Preschool is included in the participation totals. Suggested to reformat that for next year.
 - It is difficult because most won't even participate in the run since they aren't at school.
 - What can be done now to help meet our goal?
 - Reply to class emails, encourage support
 - Reminders from teachers in their weekly newsletters
 - Facebook reminders
 - Talk to room parents
 - Remind students at lunch and chapel. Encourage a little friendly competition.
- *Hopecoming (see below)*
- Fall fundraiser thoughts/concerns
 - Fun Run, Chinook Books and Auction are pushed so we don't have to sell "stuff"
 - Tough for back-to-back fundraisers right at the beginning of the school year
 - Chinook Books are early to get a head start before they appear in stores
 - Fun Run is early because of weather concerns and scheduling around other schools

Volunteer Opportunities

This year the focus for events is to build community: within our school, within our community

- SignUpGenius.com – Volunteer Management
 - Volunteer opportunities can be found on the school website:
<https://hls.hopeseattle.org/home/parents/pip/>
 - PTH sends emails via SignUpGenius asking for volunteers
 - Teachers can send out reminders with the links as well
 - Parents can also contact PTH via email: pth@hopeseattle.org
- Fun Run – October 16th
- Fall Family Frolic – October 28th Heidi Coy & Irina Anthony
 - At Seattle Lutheran HS gym, 4:30-7:30 PM
 - Bounce House donated
 - Looking for a volume deal on pumpkins
 - Other activities: decorate a pumpkin, cake walk, other games/crafts
 - Looking for volunteers to help run games and crafts
- Treats for Troops – November 1st-3rd

- Donate excess candy. Last year we donated 220 lbs. of candy to a dentist's office who then donated \$220 to PTH
- Donuts with Dad – November 15th
- Spring events
 - Family movie night (looking for sponsors)
 - Middle school dance
- Room Parent suggestion
 - Which classrooms have room parents so far??
 - Have room parent meetings (monthly, quarterly)
 - Co-room parent to share the responsibility
 - Work as a subcommittee as PTH
 - Work with PTH for class projects and fundraising/community events
 - Set expectations, goals and structure

Hopecoming – An 80's Gala

Andrew Mead and Joe Paar, Co-chair

- Hopecoming is the theme for the "non" auction this year
 - Think 80s dance, party, prom, best dance you attended in high school. Good times with friends, food, dancing. "Living Together, Loving Together"
 - Yes, goal is to raise money for the school but, more importantly, is to build community; even throughout the planning stages.
 - What can our school community offer? Our local community? Sponsor? How can people get involved?
- Goal is to get sponsorships (food, location, etc.) to offset costs and keep our costs to a minimum
 - Food trucks
 - DJ
- Have a suggested donation for tickets so it is more available to everyone
 - Free admission for teachers
- Invite alumni
 - Alumni database??
- Contact business owners and feeder-preschools around town.
- There will be fewer items for auction
 - Make a list of ideas to send out. Direct Asks.
 - Coordinate with room parents for donations and class baskets.
 - Principal for a day, unique experiences (dinner at homes, cabins), package interesting ideas
 - Sponsor PTH budget line items (classrooms, teacher wish lists, events, etc.)
- Recruiting parents to help with Hopecoming (sign-up sheet passed around)
- Launch event 1 month prior – keep building excitement
- Next planning meeting is **Wednesday, October 11 at 6 PM**. Bring a friend!

Meeting adjourned. Don't forget to log your PIP hours!

Next General Meeting is **February 7 at 6 PM**