

Attendance:

Jane Farrington
Chris Sullivan
Emily Nelson
Liz Howard
Alicia Erickson
Kristin Smith
Monica Cantelli
Emily
Frances Blair
Jen Anderson
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Courtney Peterson
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Agenda:

Fall fundraiser recap
Committee updates
Annual Appeal
Fluffer
Other items/next meeting

Fluffer

Fluffer has been purchased, and the field has been fluffed once already. The field should be fluffed every few weeks. Chris will fluff again in a couple of weeks, then again in the Spring. Jerry will be able to use it for snow blowing.

Chris will get Milica the pictures for the web site.

Fall Fundraiser

100 people, profit just shy of \$2000. Overall went well. Kings was a good partner, they'd be happy to work with us again.

What we can do better: ticket sales were strong, but 90% happened in the last 24 hrs - how do we get more people to buy tickets in advance?

Last year we did Save the date earlier in the year. Maybe we can get a Save the date in September, and we didn't sell tickets in front of the school.

We had more people who bought and donated the tickets last year.

Last year's goals - more teachers and more diverse attendance.

Ms. Muhamed came, she is a parent now.

How do we engage teachers next year - we have a large number of teachers with kids in school.

- Personalized emails

More diverse families - we did better than last year.

Liz thought people were very welcoming to new families.

We will plan on having the event next year

Committees:

Arts:

Had initial meeting with Ms. Verano. She is very supportive. She was disappointed that they were not able to offer arts to kids this year. Seems like we missed an opportunity in budget planning - out of her control. She wants to make sure school doesn't miss the budget planning.

There should be a way to get BPS to help. Many schools are getting support through Arts Expansion. Committee shared a form that needs to be submitted by Nov 1st. Committee meeting with Karen on November 5th. Ms. Verano appointed Karen to lead the effort. Committee offered to do everything, but coordinate with Ms. Verano and Karen.

We want to work with the school every year, and get set up for next year.

We have some flexibility in the budget. Line item is for \$10K, but we have some flexibility.

The school already has trips that are scheduled - some visits to the school, some field trips. Viva la Cultura and Pasillos Pintados still planned, but will have to be run by teachers.

This year is mostly okay, but we need a good plan for next year.

STEM Committee:

Chris, Jenn, Alicia, Mary and Avida visited with Wentworth, Eric Miller

(<https://wit.edu/directory/erik-miller>) wants to get involved. Wentworth already has partnerships with other schools, mostly older grades. We have work to do to figure out what we want. We need Ms. Verano, Mr. Ganes and Ms. Morales to tell us what kind of STEM program they want to build.

Good start to building a partnership.

He mapped a process for us. What are the next steps to move it forward. We are left with the homework to figure out what we want to do.

Mr. Ganes is working on an after school program with Wentworth, but we don't know who exactly is participating in this program.

Chris will set up a meeting with Chris Miller to show him school space.

Infrastructure Committee:

Projectors: all in, but we have another 1hr worth of training we need to find a time.
We are paying for support, and a few are broken, some have software issues, we need to follow up on that.

Field Fence is broken. Chris talked to BPS, and needs to follow up with Ms. Verano. The field gets locked every Friday evening.

There are areas of the field that need to be addressed - reglued. Turf guy came to the field, they will put in chained in fenced coated in black. Timeline unclear.

Needles at the field have also been found. Jerry is sweeping the playground.

We need to put in signs, BPS will make the signs, but we need to come up with the wording.

Both goals are broken, we replaced the nets 2yrs ago, but they are all ripped up.

Auditorium - we have the design, rep. Santiago and Eric Miller suggested we look at Dearborn for ideas. <https://www.bpe.org/dearborn-stem-academy/>

All projects can happen only if we engage state and local reps.
Kim Janey - City Counselor for the Hurley.

WebSite

Jim has started but hasn't made much progress. It may be a bit longer than we originally hoped, we don't have a timeline. We would like to have it ready in Jan/Feb to have it ready for Tropi.

Communications:

Jen would like to propose ParentSquare to Ms. Verano. <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

Milica to do more work on mail lists - probably use Mail Chimp

Tropi

Emily getting started on planning.
Rethink the book, and how do we show the ads.

Role transition - Lou's last year.
Mary Chesler will chair the auction.

Bodega:

No updates

Annual Appeal:

Milica will get the addresses from BiddingForGood to add to the mailing list.
We will ask Ms. Verano how to get new families' contact information.

Jenn is working on the communication letter. We need to figure out what the focus of the appeal is this year:

Arts makes most sense as the ask for this year. Parents like supporting it.

We should expose better what we have supported over time

Ongoing vs one time funding efforts would be important to highlight. What are the projects that would go away if funding went away.

Be explicit about the gap NPHS is filling.

What do we do with the buckslip? Should we keep it?

It gives people a guideline, but we can add it online.

It depends on the demographic, for older generations buck slip would be important.

Andrea's friend would be willing to print again this year. They print them, Alicia signed, and mails them.

Can we get kids involved to write the letter.

Thank you notes are also made by children.

Alicia has time scheduled with Ms. Verano on Wednesday, Nov 6th. Let Alicia know if anyone has any comments.

Parent Council meeting met last week - working on community engagement, mostly new parents. Planning to do a dance for Valentine's day, still in planning.

November 20th, next Parent Council Meeting (8:30am).

Next meeting: December 3rd. 7pm, Ericksons' house.