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Annual Fund:

In progress, not as planned, Jen wrote a letter, Milica coordinated with the printed, emails went out to padres list, NPHS, Facebook. We have about \$2200 on Facebook so far.

We have a powerful letter, with quotes from parents and students. We have letters are going into student folders this week.

Milica will contact the printer, and hopefully we will have it all ready by Thursday.

Goal to send the letters out by the end of the week. No Venmo for for non-profits so we still can't use that.

With future emails, include the video we show at Tropi, to show kids' faces.

Alicia talked to Ms. Verano about having kids write notes to send to grandparents, etc. but she did not feel comfortable asking kids and teachers.

Frances proposed a Joggaton, where Mr. Mack and Mr. Muhamed could help. Easy to do in house.

Committee updates:

Arts:

Partnered with Rosalda Salis, from La Pinata organization. She started yesterday. She is coming into the classrooms, Karen is helping set the schedules with the teachers. She teaches music and dance, all this week and next week.

She runs an organization, La Pinata, and teaches dance and music. She works at the Fernandez school focused on professional development.

Emily has reached out to other schools to understand their process. The committee is on the hook to organize the Assembly on January 31. Rosalinda suggested connecting with Yamass (<https://yamass.org/>).

Committee is making connections with other schools (Eliot, Hernandez, Quincy) to understand how they built up their arts programs, music programs and fundraising.

School is looking at changing the schedule next year, which makes it difficult to secure funding for next year.

Web Site:

Jim is building the site, first draft was sent out last week. Good start, Matt is sending feedback. Jim acknowledged that making it bilingual is making it more difficult. We need to communicate the deadline, hopefully end of January.

Next step - writing content, if anyone is interested in writing content can volunteer.

We should have a page with all the teachers and their contact information. We should also reach out to teachers, and ask for their input on the bio.

Communications:

Alicia was on a panel with other BPS schools, each school did a presentation. A person from Eliot talked about Parent square, Alicia will follow up.

We can't abandon paper communication.

Important to have all the events in one place (on the web site).

Ben found a program that allows for text messages to be sent. Costs about \$60 to sign up an organization. <https://unison.io/>

Infrastrucutre:

Chris is trying to work on fixing the fence. If anyone can take a picture of the fence and send a 311.

Playgrounds: Catherine Infantino has a friend who designs playgrounds, she will reach out to them, they are architects and can give some ideas. We need to be careful considering our engagement with Wentworth.

Auditorium - we need to figure out we leverage our political connections. Goal to make this multipurpose space.

Eric Miller from Wentworth could also be helpful for Mr. Mac.

Tropi - no updates

STEM:

Met with Erik Miller from Wentworth, he is very engaged and wants to help. We are trying to figure out how to use him. We need input from the teachers. We need to meet with Ms. Verano and specials teachers and get their help to tell us what do they want.

We also need to get Erik in to see the space. Per Avida, we should push the work with Mr. Gaines and Mr. Mack and infrastructure, and get as far as we can with those projects.

We should try to do the walkthrough in December, meet Ms. Verano and Mr. Mack.

We also need to understand what Ms. Verano's idea is and what is it that she wants.

Avida thinks we need to focus on building a relationship and not worry about the curriculum at this point.

Bodega:

We need to hire the Bodega director. Lorena's husband can help with the job description, he focuses on after school programs.

We should take with Karen to bring someone in to help us with the job description. We can find a Bodega parent help.

We will figure out how to get Karen a Christmas bonus to make up for lost Bodega salary from last year.

Treasured:

Accountants looking at our finances, to submit the taxes. Jane is working with them, all looks good.

Other - Parent council movie night is on 12/6, next coffee hour is scheduled for January.

Avida would like to discuss the issue of substitutes - who comes into the school, how do we learn more about how those subs are doing.

Next meeting: Mary Chestler House, January 15. 65 Rutland st.