**Myers Elementary**

**PTO Meeting 3/7/17**

1. Present:
   1. President: Kera Boaz
   2. Vice President: Kelly Langdon
   3. Secretary: Joy Dickinson
   4. Hospitality: Hanna Holmes and Keith Swanson
   5. Communications Coordinator: Summer Warner
   6. Principal: Alan DeMeures
   7. Members at large: Mandie Allen, Ms. Corliss, Kelly Lambert,
2. Fundraising update:
   1. The shipment is expected to come in on March 13th
   2. Email to all teachers and robo call to all families
   3. We will need volunteer help with distribution all day.
   4. Payments will be collected on the day of distribution
   5. Movie night: We decided not to do one for the spring
   6. Fundraising total is at $28,000 (approx. for 2016-2017) This is 11k more than last year.
3. Hospitality - update
   1. Pizza and salad from Costco for conferences by 4:30pm on 22nd and 23rd.
   2. Dinner will be offered both night.
   3. 45 people
   4. Birthday gifts to all teachers: this month is a note, chocolate and hand sanitizer
4. Mr. D’s replacement process
   1. Paper screening, first round interviews, seven to 11 interviews, second round interviews, selection will be soon. There are three openings in Salem-Keizer elementary schools
   2. Ms. West shared how the district representative came and listened to the teacher’s ideas and needs for the school
5. Budget planning
   1. Kera reviewed the current budget. Discussion highlights:
      1. Field Trips
      2. Teachers use Raz and A to Z in class and about ½ of the families use it at home as well.
      3. Artist in Residence has been a main way to increase art instruction in every single classroom. Each classroom gets at least two visits from the artist over two to three weeks. Exposes children to professional artist. Can be clay, watercolors, and is usually in the spring which works well with the schedule. PTO contributes $3,000
      4. Likewise, Author day exposes children to writing as a profession. The Library raises $1,500 and PTO contributes $1,500
      5. Teacher support: $200 per teacher.
   2. Potential changes for 2017-2018 budget
      1. We may need to add budget to the conference dinner (perhaps $4 per person per dinner x 4 dinners per year?) and costs for birthday gifts ($15 per month)
      2. We set aside $75 this year to buy clothes for kids who have accidents. We need to increase this amount so that Luz can buy when needed.
      3. Remove Jog-a-Thon field trip and replace with a popsicle party
      4. Change movie night to one in the fall
      5. Can we increase teacher support? From $200 to $300? Or giving each PE teacher $200. Add teacher coach and/or behavior specialist? Add $200 for the janitor. He has been bringing his tools from home.
      6. Note: Last year we spend $2,300 over what we raised in 2015-2016.
      7. How much do we want to put in savings?
      8. What about adding a math program? IXL math or Moby Max?
      9. Emergency bags: Putting emergency bag in each shared classroom. This would be about 12-13 bags. This was on the teacher’s wish list. Idea to do a special collection of donations and cash for emergency bags. Idea to add basic emergency supplies on school supply list and then have PTO buy bags and fill remaining needs.
      10. Sibling bags for children for principal to present to kids who had a baby sibling that month. About $180 per year.
      11. Fluorescent light covers, Ms. Powell has them, Ms. Luz has them, Ms. Grey has them. They block the flicker of fluorescent light, mimics outdoor light. 5 of them cost $24. They attach by magnets. Ms. Corliss wants to try them. Ms. West doesn’t prefer them.
      12. Wiggle seats for each class? Headphones? Chair bands? One-legged stool? Balls? Beth would be the expert on that.
      13. Purchase Raz kids and A to Z learning for three years so parents and teachers can get used to using it.
6. Kinder Orientation
   1. Kinder orientation is May 10th from 8am to 9am
   2. Idea to offer a book from PTO and a flyer about PTO ad get sig-ups
   3. Idea to have coffee with the PTO after kinder drop off on the first day.
7. Communications
   1. PTO website linked to Myers website is updated.
   2. We can add the meeting minutes
   3. Many parents would like to volunteer at events.
   4. A page of “How to Help”
   5. Remind Texts: we can input the number directly in the system, so when we have people sign up we have people opt-in and put it on the monthly newsletter