

PTO Leadership Council Meeting
April 10, 2018: 5:30 pm

LC Attendees: Matt Menne, Rhonda Sizemore, Joan Pinegar, Jess Danelian, Bo Royer, Ruafika Cobb, Ryan Williams, Jessica Blunden

ICS Proposal (Rhonda):

- What are steps for next year? Not ready to implement program. Two years left in contract. Starting to make some natural changes.
- Take overall racial equity ideas to staff, make it practical and more than just a mandate.
 - Focus on making field trips more culturally relevant. This is tied to our magnet theme.
 - Have something similar to a STEAM team, but for this topic. Would interested teachers be willing to work over the summer? Offer a small stipend for those interested.
 - Ms Cobb will reach out to Central office, maybe look at grant, maybe racial equity pot.
 - Can this line item remain in budget? Maybe it can be grown.
 - Submit request to PTO. PTO LC can vote by email. What is max amount?

Garden Update (Joan):

- 15 minutes – Davis, Duffy, Alexander, Wells, maybe Steve Wyda, to speak at next working meeting
- Garden funding - \$3000 that went into account was earmarked back in September.
- Suggests Allison (IDES bookkeeper) could be on the garden committee. Can watch the funds.
 - Maybe this should be Garden Treasurer – take time each month to discuss in Garden meeting
- Working on “Ask package”, asked for feedback.
 - No true lead on this 2-pager, several people working on it.
 - Biltmore group will donate, asking others.
 - Suggestion to ask parents for donation, part of PTO
 - But will that make PTO accountable?
 - *This needs to be a larger discussion, quite complex wrt to accountability, legality.* Needs to go through proper legal channels. Brad, Charlotte (from Central Office) need to be part of conversation.
 - Maybe pass out to parents so they can volunteer and understand what goes on.
 - Maybe classroom teachers can do a better job of passing the information on to parents.
 - Garden Club meeting next Thursday 4/19 @ 2:45.

Update on PTO Projects (Matt)

- Art Project

- Got approval today for mural.
- Going to buy acrylic (no VOC) paint. Pepi is making 16 raised panels.
- Kids start working on murals next week with Ms Duft
- Ernie Mapp will start painting walls tomorrow. Must look “neat”.
- Shade Sail
 - Having trouble getting permit. Has to do another engineering structure permitting go round. Go between city and county
- Cobb Oven
 - Underway

Planning for April and May General PTO Meetings

APRIL

- Matt reached out to Mr. Withrow to see if wanted to share what he learned at NCAE conference
- Also reached out to Eric Howard – talk about dissertation, perceptions of city schools.
- Kate Lalor and Royer would like to talk about Read to Succeed
- Ms Cobb would like to request proctors for EOY tests.
 - Creating Google doc, signup sheet.
- **MAY**
 - Potluck in lieu of general PTO meeting?

Laying the Groundwork for next year (budget and officers)

- Sara will stay on for continuity
- Matt is willing to overlap with new president in the fall, easing them in. Would be good for two co-presidents to come in.
- Will post sign up sheet.

Meeting Adjourned

Next PTO LC meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 @ 5:30 pm