

PTO Leadership Council Meeting  
May 14, 2018: 5:30 pm

Attendees: Matt Menne, Rhonda Sizemore, Jessica Blunden, Sarah Patten, Adrienne Bell, Joan Pinegar, Steven Davis, Brad Johnson, Pepi Acebo, Jess Danelian, Brooks Flanders

**Budget (All):**

- Noted that there is a need to get the budget together toward the end of the school year so that it's not overwhelming for parents at the beginning of the school year.
  - Also helps with planning
  - Also noted that writing checks may have to be delayed if budget not passed.
- Idea: send out summary of what last year's budget was like, let people know that line-by-line is available for people who wish to deep dive into it.

**Thoughts on engaging new IDES parents (Adrienne):**

She has an idea to do parent meet ups at playgrounds during the summer, underlying goal to bring them into the PTO (NOT officially PTO related). Maybe have parents of rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders there, to talk about experiences.

- Goal to meet parents at different parks.
- Plan to do this once per week.

**Garden Vision Team update and discussion (Davis):**

- Upped asked from PTO this year to \$7500
  - Also hoping to get \$7500 or more in "ask package"
    - Ask letter not yet completed.
  - Suggestion to ask for \$30 in scholarship \$ per student. This will go toward materials and stipends. Suggestion to ask how a many students can you "sponsor" rather than using the term "scholarship"
    - Instead of asking parents for \$ directly, maybe ask if they know any corporations that might donate.
  - Noted that Joan has brought in ~\$150,000 in money, materials, and (volunteers' worth of) time.
- Provided the group with a big list of things done this year (passed out 4 pages of information) (Noted by group that this would be a great thing for parents to see to gain an understanding of what the Garden Team does and has accomplished).
- Need to maintain garden and related things in summer, otherwise very difficult to come back to this in fall.
- Joan's role: her role is to extend the classroom to the garden. It's up to the teachers to move forward, or not. She does not write curricula – up to teachers.
  - **Need dedicated parent who can help coordinate the program, it's a lot of work, too much for Joan and the teachers.**

- Need champion who can work with Joan and the teachers, maybe write grants, reach out to corporations (see above bullet).
- Need to have concise vision of the garden club, get teachers and kids more engaged.

*Note: no time to work on line-by-line budget items. Will do this through Google docs.*

Meeting Adjourned

Next General PTO meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

Agreement for end-of-year meeting and potluck date: Tuesday June 5 @ 5:30 pm