

Intro (Christy):

Old Biz:

Principle Report (Landeryou):

Report: Further discussion of Blue Ribbon award. Potential of selling tee shirts as a fund raiser that acknowledge Key as a Blue Ribbon school. Also, distributing to teachers as a gift. Don't have to go with the group but at least consider this.

Julie: add these as an item for kids to buy at the holiday shop.

New phone number: 202.729.3280. Old number will forward to new number for a given amount of time. Administrative staff will have their own phone numbers and potentially voicemail boxes so that parents can leave messages for teachers. Plan is to just use the new number and rollout the voicemail system at a later time.

Picture day tomorrow

At least one classroom didn't get a vacuum. Can PTA get a few for the classrooms that don't have any and possibly replace any that are broken?

Teachers Report: (Shannon Flaherty/Julie Hayes)

Teachers that have done training have had a good experience and are taking the next steps to implement. Also getting setting up times to get further training, even one on one observation by a trainer.

Starting to talk about what initiatives they are considering that work within the teacher's team budget.

Treasurers Report (Julie Scott):

General report: discussing the amount of dues that have come in.

Not much on spending portion. One request from Mrs. Yeck for textbooks.

Discussion on second order of supplies in spring. IT will be for Art room under a different budget.

Discussion on playground maintenance. Do we need to go through DCPS or can we go through third party? Need to contact group for replacement parts; can proceed on our own. Call safety and compliance to ensure that the repair is done properly.

KEHP Report (Cristina Parsons):

Success/good feedback regarding the new computer.

Harvest Fest:

A little short on volunteers. All else going well. Supplies and prizes are ordered. Classes are finalizing their booths. Need people for setup, cleanup, and haunted house. Discussing communication to all volunteers to ensure that people know that we are not out of supplies/food.

May have leftover soda and water from other events. Need to borrow coolers from families.

Extra tee shirts can either be sold or people can use punch cards to purchase.

Old Business:

Touch base with Todd Stein regarding upkeep of directory. Adding names of families that were left off.

Listserv: much easier way to distribute to a large group. Will save a lot of time of labor. About half of families signed up and Christy entered data for the rest of the families.

Foreign language: Two intro to Spanish and Two level one Spanish. Not enough sign ups for Mandarin or French. Both are year long classes and more expensive. Next year we announce earlier what classes are being offered. Online registration has been a good process although there was a learning curve. Point made about the initial outpouring of support with only 50 kids actually enrolling.

Suggestion for next year is to get the schedule out earlier so that there are less conflicts for parents/kids in other activities. Follow up survey to parents to ask them their reasons for not enrolling their child. Schedule? Cost? Languages offered? Etc.

Discussion of bringing foreign language into the classroom since some classes (like computer) are being visited less.

New Business:

Bulk supplies cost : discussion of how to get families that haven't paid to contribute. Discussion around sending a kind invoice to these families in November. Agreed that the supplies should not be voluntary and that all families should contribute. Also 24 families with multiple children that only paid for supplies for one child. Next time do a better job of presenting this. Potential confusion by parents may contribute to some of them not paying. Julie has agreed to make calls, send letters to the families that haven't paid. Also need to consider financial aid so information on this should be included in the letter.

Presentations at the PTA meeting. Life after Key presentation. Margie Palm organizing a Life after Key event for November. Idea to present a 'food and behavior' discussion for parents. Kim Snedded and Jackie Jackson had this idea to present this topic.

Auction Chair Search: Peter Fitzgerald. Still looking for a second person to co-chair.

Ms. Foster departure: Retiring maybe mid year. Still undecided.

PTA General Meeting: 6 committees reporting.