

PTSA Community Meeting
Cleveland Cafeteria
February 6, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM
Introduction of the board

Celebrations and Announcements:

- Saturday was open house for prospective families and also winter formal
- Thanks to Denise and Castalia who organized these events
- Denise thanks volunteers who donated time, money, food; kids loved it!

- Sports: a couple of wrestlers are going to regionals; wrestling coach is retiring this year
- Boys' basketball playing in playoff game at Ballard tonight.

Booster:

- Spirit wear sale is over; delivered by early March
- Concessions has been wrapped up for winter basketball
- Thinking about date for first athletics banquet; goal to bring athletic community together; award for athletic of the year and coach award
- Spring sports: boys soccer, track and field, baseball, softball, tennis, ultimate Frisbee

Events:

- February: Black history month and lunar new year; there will be a lunar new year cultural night here at Cleveland; open to the public

- Tutta Bella fundraiser Feb 11-13 we get 20% of sales; think about it for pizza for the super bowl; informal gathering 5/15 at Tutta Bella, wear your spirit wear and meet other Eagles

Principal Lam:

- Huge thank you for support at the dance; students and staff felt cared for and loved

- Open house, about 200 RSVPs and many more showed up; huge interest in the school; our enrollment should continue to be healthy

- Deep into planning for next school year; budget season kicks off Feb 28th; feels really good about where we are at, folks are getting up to speed on the budget, and are setting priorities already.

- Doing this work knowing student allocation is good; expecting to absorb some loss in discretionary funds, there may be hard decisions there. We are a levy school so we get money from the city and more money if we meet goals around grade, dual credit attainment, family engagement, college readiness etc...
- Beyond that, while a lot of the district is doom and gloom about budget, Mr. Lam is excited that we are in a position to think optimistically about the future; part of that is due to the PTSA
- Instructional vision, core identity, and how PTSA can partner on those things
- One other thing hopeful for, steps take to build up dual credit courses UW collage and high school credits in humanities (all freshman have to take at UW); 2025-2026 additional English course. This will be free. Looking to expand offerings
- Q: How many frosh next year? About 230
- Q: Is our reference area being updated? There are a lot of complexities about enrollment; to keep rainier beach enrollment, Cleveland will not receive students who would otherwise attend Rainier Beach so our reference area will remain small
- Q: Any updates about moving graduation date since it falls on Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha? No, we cannot move it due to regulations about when graduations can be held, and the window is even tighter because of Juneteenth on the same week. We could potentially have a separate celebration outside of the district; potentially recognizing Eid at graduation

School social worker Amy Hasiguchi:

- Social worker at Cleveland (1 social worker for 900 kids; average is 1 to 250 in other schools)
- Funding is low in the invested account which makes sure that students can participate in the Cleveland community (caps, gowns, yearbooks, lab fees, summer camps etc.)
- Right now needs covers gift cards, utilities bills, can spend for medical bills
- There is more work and more needs than one social worker can do
- Less money this year for the invested account (everyone got less)
- Lots of projects that need financial help but also volunteers for food bank and clothes closet; counseling space would like to turn it into a multipurpose room, can run groups and family events.
- This year lots of asks, more families asking than last year
- Has a volunteer form that people can fill out and indicate interest
- 30-40 kids for lunch tutoring

- Q: how much time does it take to work in food bank, clothing closet, toiletries? Depends on what you do. Potentially half day for 1-2 people.

Teacher/Staff appreciation:

- Two events coming up; we will be doing a call for volunteer
- March 28, breakfast
- May 7, during teacher appreciation week, lunch
- If you are looking for a way to work on an event, these are good events to start with

Spring Auction:

- May 18 at Centilia Cultural Center
- Starting to set up teams for volunteering for the auction
- First auction in five years
- Our theme this year is Red and White Auction.
- We have specific job descriptions for each team
- Do different levels of sponsorship
- Auction procurement will be the most labor intensive but we have lots a great local businesses who will donate

Meeting adjourned 8:27