

PTSA Meeting Minutes 5/14/2024

7:00 PM, Cleveland Cafeteria

Attendees: Castalia Simon, Garaldine Payoyo, Michelle Johnson, Denise Dennis, Tom Jackson, Lisa Nakamura, Corinna Tanabe, Ilene Tanabe, Louise Wackerman, Jeff Lam, Jason Loui

Catastalia calls meeting to order 7:07 PM

Announcements

Thanks for the great teacher luncheon! It went well and was appreciated by all!

Call for board members for 2024-2025:

Will also need committee chairs like communications, volunteer coordinator

Lisa: Maybe we should do a parent survey to get people to volunteer for board positions and committee positions because we do not seem to be getting traction

East African family night: May 15 5:30 PM. Principal Lam says there will be amazing food.

Senior prom in need of volunteers: Need help with decorations Sat 4-7, have some chaperones (staff members), need help for clean up; limited parking in the area and there is a Sounders Game so traffic and parking will be tricky.

Red and White Auction

We need volunteers! Thanks to everyone here who has already volunteered.

We got a diamond level sponsor at \$10,000, covered 50 staff tickets

Lisa reviewed food and beverage options

ASB Announcements

Corrie: senior splash day fundraiser, prom court nominations, summer festival (now held in courtyard and front of the school, summer dance after the festival in the cafeteria). ASB elections first week of June.

Graduation

Lisa: Is the graduation date firm? Yes, but hopefully the district will be more aware of conflicts like this next year. The late start time to our graduation will help some families who will wrap up their Eid celebrations before then. District officials did come to school to meet with some of the students impacted by the graduations schedule.

Principal Lam Update

Reviewed budget cuts, reduce staff by 3.9 FTE and some discretionary funds were pretty seriously cut. Goal is to make it so students do not feel these reductions and we should not have to cut any programs. May have some larger class sized but will still be under the cap. PTSA may get more asks for extra curriculars, field trips, etc...

Jason: How does enrollment look? Looks good, enrollment is strong, and we will have a waiting list. We are capped at 900 students because there is a lot of history around making sure that our enrollment does not impact our neighboring schools, like Rainier Beach and Franklin.

Lisa: Aside from the budget cuts, what keeps you up at night, and how can we the PTSA support you this next year? Vision for where we want to go, at each grade level a signature project based learning experience that gives them a story to tell about how they supported their community and builds a college resume, and creating a more cohesive and coherent community. Working collaboratively as teams will be a priority. If we can find a way to scale things up and all work together we can do amazing things. Restorative just reaffirm that is a signature part of our school community.

Denise: maybe at the beginning of year get PTSA in front of teachers to explain the funding process, and how they can get funds form the PTSA. Staff meeting in May, or also a few days in September. We can also put a blurb in the weekly staff newsletter.

Free and reduced lunch about 60%-65% currently

Meeting Adjourned 8:00