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OSD Spartan - PTA

2/2/16

Gathering

Present: Amanda, Brad, Lisa, Anthony, Jeff
Interpreters: Lynda and Kelly

Who we are and Why we're here

- We want to support kids at the school and help to provide opportunities for them to grow in a variety of areas.
- We come together to collaborate with the community, parents, staff, and teachers to make strong connections to foster student success.
- Many kids feel OSD is their home and they are rooted in the OSD family. We are here to provide as many opportunities and activities as possible to make this the best place we can.
- We are here to activate hope within the school, within the community and within the students.

Updates

President's / Vice President's report

- PTA has been re-making itself and we have been creating and implementing new systems.
- We are currently thinking about elections, some activities like the Spring Carnival, and this transition period.
- We are working on fresh perspectives to engage people through booths. In this way, we can reach out to more people in the community.

Treasurer's report

- Elijah's resignation was accepted this month due to health concerns. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best. Please continue to encourage and support him in this time.
- Brad will be heading the budget in collaboration with the leadership team and we will distribute when finalized.
- Amanda, Anthony, and Brad will meet to add the total of 3 members to the bank account for accountability and account management. We will discuss use of funds and create procedural guides for finances.
- We will also draft a letter for the bank and future partnerships to explain the need for communication. In addition we will convey expectations and guidelines for using and needing interpreting services.
- \$8,523 total balance currently (3 completed Wendy's fundraisers will add to this in the near future)

Secretary's report

- Anthony will collaborate with others in designing a survey, distributing a survey, and analyzing survey data.

Ongoing in the Background

- Lots of carnival activity!! Get involved! Osd.pta.carnival@gmail.com
- Wendy's every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at Graceland, 5-8PM

Point Person, Committees & Events Reports

- March movie night (Brad will communicate with Perry Mott to create plan)

- Team will discuss and plan in collaboration
- May 1st Spring Carnival
 - Lisa is working with a group to make calls regarding food, entertainment, recreation.
 - By February 12th (due date for operations department to help fund major things (insurance, restrooms, and other major needs)
 - Lisa contacted student representative who will recruit student volunteers and another person to recruit general volunteers for the carnival. By the beginning of March we hope to have a rough list of volunteers.
 - Morgan Sipka will be in contact with Kent State University for students to volunteer as well.
 - Public Relations (PR) meeting coming soon.
 - January 19th meeting went well and several people volunteered for key positions. We still need a VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. In addition, we need someone to organize set-up and take-down.
 - Locations were discussed and this year the carnival will be centered in front of the school entrance with access to some field area, basketball courts, and ease of school tour facilitation. This set up makes the carnival closer and facilitates more interaction and enjoyment at the carnival.
 - Save the dates will be distributed soon. Advertisement will begin soon as well. Jeff will distribute save the dates for OSDAA newsletters.
 - Next carnival meeting will be announced at a later date.

New Projects

- PTA General Elections
 - Elections will proceed according to the bylaws.
 - A nomination committee will be formed (please reply to become part of the committee).
 - Nominations will be made and letters will be mailed out to paid members in March.
 - The newly elected officers of the PTA will be announced at the Spring Carnival.
 - See attached document for more information about positions.
- Wendy's hosts
 - Next Wednesday, February 10th, from 5-8pm PTA Fundraiser. Lisa will host.
 - Anthony will check with Greg about flags
 - Wendy's has a check for us and we will

Announcements

- Dack Virnig at OSDAA Auditorium March 4 at 7PM, \$10 entry (performing at OSD Wed March 2 during the day for students)
- Spring Play will be hosted on March 17th
- April 30th will be the 25th anniversary of the Booster Club!
- Mid-June will be the Deaf Service Center Golf Outing (details to be added)
- Camp OYO – Ages 10–HS = July 31-Aug 6; Ages 7-9 = Aug 3-Aug 6 www.oyocamp.org
- Thanks to our childcare volunteers Christiana Felter, Megan McShea, Bill Costello, and Jazzi Simpson. They are AMAZING!
- Anyone interested in providing drinks or snacks for our March meeting, please respond to this email and send with your child on Monday or Tuesday the week of the meeting. Thanks!

Adj. 4:50pm

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Next OSD Spartan - PTA meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st at 3:30PM.

Leadership Key Focuses This Month

President (Brad Pritts): Assisting & supporting PTA leaders, Filling in for Treasurer until election, Looking to Fall

Vice President (Amanda Lenhart): Prep to be gone for childbirth, ensure ASL blasts, PTA table plan

Treasurer (Open, Brad): finalize annual and Carnival budget; solidify policies around account management for PTA

Secretary (Anthony Coy-Gonzalez): Survey Friends of the PTA, Design Childcare Curriculum, Enhance Hospitality

Activities Coordinator (Kacy Chambers): TBD

Spring Carnival Coordinator (Lisa Pritts): Solidify big decision items by Feb 12; begin volunteer campaign

Faculty Advisor (Greg Mendenhall): Ensure the nomination and election process, prepare for audit and the Fall