The Parent Teacher Association Executive Meeting

Date: Monday, March 11, 2019  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Location: TNS PTA Room  
Notice Provided in Advance: Yes

Present:
Meeting called to order at 8:35am.

1. Approval of previous minutes
   a. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report & start thinking budget for next year (accountant, enrichment etc)
   a. On track.
   b. CD opening. Need 2 executives to handle this, not Treasurer.

3. Farm trip, fundraisers
   a. $3200 from Hamilton fundraiser for farm trip.
   b. Majority of kids going, and most families have paid all or above ask price.
   c. Ashokan fee is $18,665, not including bus. $2173 per bus x 2: $4346.
      i. Expect 5-6k deficit for Ashokan.
      ii. Only 3 kids didn’t attend.
   d. For next year:
      i. Be clear about total cost for Ashokan, like we did for farm trip.
      ii. PTA to provide customized sheet for teachers to track attendance/payment for Farm/Ashokan trips.

4. Library
   a. STAR not paying for library next year. Dyanthe will talk to district to see if there’s money available. Grants looking for opportunities, but difficult because this is staffing; might be way to justify if tied to programming.
   b. Half-time: Cheryl would be here 2.5 days. Dyanthe to help her find another position in district 1. STAR would find someone for checking out books.
   c. TNS and STAR parents planning to meet to advocate for library, get out word.
   d. PTA to create petition. Petition to go out, including flyers/backpack mail.

5. School lunch update
   a. Looked at Dec, Jan, Feb lunch numbers and favorites and results of survey. See below.
   b. Discussed ways to increase participation. PTA to look at suggestions from families in minutes from last general meeting.

6. Literacy documents
a. Dyanthe pulled together 3 different documents detailing literacy curriculum at TNS, defining reading levels and strategies to help support students at home to share with families.
b. Will be shared with families once reviewed/discussed by teachers. Will be translated into Spanish as well.

7. Set agenda for upcoming PTA General Meeting (March 21)
   a. Approval of previous minutes
   b. Principal/president updates
      i. Library
      ii. School lunch
      iii. State testing update
   c. Treasurer's report
   d. Events updates
   e. Committee updates

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL – SCHOOL LUNCH ANALYSIS

Data on daily orders calculated from 12/3/2018 through 2/27/2019. Each number represents orders for a particular day that month.
*Excluding days where 1 or more classes were out on a trip.

December 2018
Pizza - 128
Burgers – 99, 97
Chicken dumplings 98
Beef tacos - 74
Bean Quesadilla – 72
Zucchini Parmigiana – 58
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla - 57
Chickpea tagine - 31

January 2019
Pizza – 126
Burgers – 108, 99, 88, 87
Beef tacos – 73
Sliced turkey – 73
Chicken dumplings - 70
Pasta fagioli - 63
Veggie tacos – 57
Zucchini Parmigiana – 56
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla – 49, 54
Chickpea tagine – 34, 36

**February 2019**
Pizza – 126, 106, 104
Burger - 77
Pasta fagioli – 74, 66
Veggie tacos – 72
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla – 56
Zucchini Parmigiana – 55
Veggie chilli - 48
*chickpea tagine served over the school break

Chickpea tagine clearly not a fan favorite. Action steps, send recipe and March monthly menu home to parents.

**Total class hot lunch orders over a 3 month (Dec-Feb) period. Excluding pb&j, hummus and cheese sandwich.**

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**SCHOOL SURVEY** (as of 3/11 TNS 33 respondents, STAR 11 respondents)
33% eat lunch a few times a week

60% love the pizza the most
40% disliked the veggie tacos, 37% chickpea tagine

46% love the corn side, 33% sweet plantains
44% dislike the spinach

45% never tried the salad bar

45% get the hummus on occasions
22% didn’t know hummus was an option, 31% didn’t know tuna was an option