

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

The Parent Teacher Association Executive Meeting

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Type: Monthly Executive Meeting

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Notice Provided in Advance: Yes

Location: TNS PTA Room

Present: Dyanthe, Jenny, Rene, Rocio, Theresa, Steffi, Erica, Peter, Matthieu
Meeting called to order at 8:35 am.

1. Approval of [previous minutes](#)
 - a. Approved.
2. School food
 - a. Dyanthe summarized proposed new school lunch approach: Either alt menu or classic menu will be offered every day. 2 days per week, the other menu will also be offered. For example, if we stick with the alt menu, an item from the classic menu will be offered in addition twice per week.
 - b. Decision on which menu will be primary: Equal number of parents from TNS and STAR will meet to discuss this soon.
 - c. Discussed sentiments from STAR and TNS families. Some STAR families feel like TNS is dictating what's best for their kids. Rene suggested that, while understanding the complexity of the cross-school situation and the desire to do the right thing for the majority of kids (e.g., 80-85% of STAR kids depend on school lunch compared to 40-45% of TNS kids), this outcome also leaves TNS interests unheard; adoption of alt menu and emphasize on health and wellness puts TNS ahead of general curve and is a point of excitement for prospective families.
 - d. Erica (parent who worked hard on getting the alt menu adopted) encouraged staying the course and improving messaging and communication across schools.
 - e. Steffi (from Grants) suggested helping STAR reach out to health dept for engagement and support in building a wellness initiative and offered to help.
 - f. Rene expressed the need to develop cross-school committees going forward. To date, Garden is the only example of this.
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. On track to having net 0 impact for year. Plan is to use surplus to pay off Studio in a School debt from previous years.
 - b. 2019-2020 budget
 - i. Discussed next steps: Proposed budget to be shared with community ahead of next PTA General Meeting; discussion/feedback at next PTA General Meeting; PTA Exec Board elections held; New PTA Exec Board finalizes.

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- ii. Theresa to update document on budget process and reshare with community.

4. Events

- a. Wellness/eco event
 - i. Reviewed plan for Healthy Planet, Healthy Kids event.
 - b. Joe & Pat's Restaurant Night - Tues 5/14
 - i. Last restaurant night. They have garden. Donating 15% to PTA.
 - c. Plan for Teacher Appreciation - Friday 5/10
 - i. Breakfast and lunch for teachers. Parents can drop off donated foods in office in morning. PTA to pick up flowers and card.
 - d. Graduation
 - i. Starting to meet and get everything ready. Fundraiser on Friday: bake sales and cactus/succulent sale.
 - e. Spring dance
 - i. Group of parents meeting to figure this out.
 - f. Election (Nominating Committee)
 - i. Peter and one other parent volunteering as nominating committee.
 - ii. Election will be on May 31st. Nominations accepted until May 27th. However, the rules require nominations to be accepted at election itself as well.
 - iii. Committee will collect bios and statement of intent by May 27 and share with community. Backpacking about this once a week leading up.
- ## 5. Set agenda for upcoming PTA General Meeting (May 16)
- a. Approval of previous minutes
 - b. Principal updates
 - i. Library
 - c. Presidents updates
 - i. School food
 - d. Treasurer's report
 - e. Discuss budget proposal
 - f. Events/committee updates
 - i. Election committee

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.