

Sargent PTO Meeting #3

November 19, 2020

Minutes

1. Principal’s Report
   1. Brain Pop is rolled out
   2. Report cards – mailing versus backpacking
      1. Parent portal
      2. Grades are different this time, but next time will be usual
         1. This is about prioritizing for a short time
   3. One more lockdown drill
   4. Looking for a building leadership team rep from PTO
      1. 18 students in 3, 4, 5 that are black students
   5. Parent-teacher conferences are next week, remote
   6. Art teachers are looking for 1 Gallon zip-locs
   7. Drive-through parade
   8. When the Sargent equity team met a month ago, talked about need to reach remote families and kids more – we see a disconnect, want all kids to feel connected to their school. That’s why we did the parade yesterday.
   9. Support for families in need for Christmas. Faculty are discussing this. Gift cards. Mrs. Cortina is driving that. May be in touch with PTO after staff collection. Usually do it through enveloped on a Christmas tree in the staff room.
   10. Building Leadership Team – seeking parent rep(s)
2. Target School (TSI) survey
   1. ENDS TOMORROW - send another reminder to families?
3. Supporting teachers
   1. Ideas for how PTO can provide a boost
   2. ‘Teachers Pay Teachers’ program to enhance online learning – Mrs. Cervone says it’s teaching plans you can pay others for and put them right into your slides/google classroom. She uses it all the time. Teachers currently pay out of their own pockets.
      1. Archer asked teachers who uses it and 13 people responded including library, speech.
      2. PTO would like to do something for everyone – stipend – teachers who need other resources can use it how they need to
   3. Amazon Wish Lists
      1. Remind everyone about smile.amazon.com – you can donate without spending money – smile and box-tops too
   4. Staff Favorite Things – shall we refresh and post again this year?
4. Fundraising Update
   1. Chipotle
   2. Spirit Wear – ENDS TOMORROW
   3. Decision on holiday shop
5. Wellness
   1. Virtual talk on digital safety/citizenship – Wed., December 2, 8 pm
   2. Sexual health educator at BCSD wellness meeting
6. Yearbook, Student Council – Ms Winchel and Ms. Forestiere will be appointed for yearbook at next BOE meeting. Student council is Ms. Ferrara.