Q2L PTA Meeting
December 15, 2020
Meeting Notes

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:
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Please sign the Sign-In sheet which will be available in the chat.

Meeting begins at 6:40

1) PTA Executive Board Welcome (Andrew)
   - Co-Presidents: Andrew Allwood and Tiffany Vanderpool
   - Vice President: Shilynn Jackson
   - Treasurer: Nancy Cashman
   - Recording Secretary: Gigi Solis

2) Principal’s Address: (Principal Nick Jurman)
   - Marking Period 2 finishing up and grades will be posted on 12@1
   - Holiday Recess begins on 12/24 and classes resume on ¼
   - Semester 1 ends on 1/29
   - Since there are no January regents for HS students, that time will be a continuation of instruction. Classes will run until 1/29.
   - No word on June regents for US students nor MS testing for ELA, Math and Science to be scheduled for March and April but will let you know when he does.
   - So hard to believe it’s been almost a year since shut down. He’s so proud of the kids staying on track and their engagement. Can’t say enough about the kids and the staff.
   - We just started PGC last Friday.
   - Grateful to Kathy and all of the work she does.

3) Budget Report (Nancy)
   - Over $2600 has come in from our Direct Appeal in one month’s time
   - No expenses this month
   - Direct Drive $450 from October is in bank account for November
   - Amazon fundraising: $92
   - Bill for $1000 for accountant
   - Goal of $12,000. Tax deductible.

4) Ways to Donate to PTA and help families (Nancy)
5) SLT Report (Nicholas Day and Allyson LeDoux)
- Kathy to read notes sent from Jenny
- Minutes approved
- Principals report and CEP discussion
- Consolidated 3 cohorts into 2. Proud of smooth transition
- CEP: continuing to look at attendance, supporting our seniors with graduation and our MS with targeted instruction with ELA and Math
- Devin will share a report with the SLT at next meeting
- Copy of CEP will be posted on the website after the 12/22 meeting
- Updates from Rosanna (icebreakers to get kids comfortable to speak), Rochelle identified hybrid students who had low remote attendance and looking to reach out now that they are fully remote
- No information on SHASAT or highschool application or timeline
- Had first Open House for Prospective Middle School students; open house information is online to share with interested parents
- Christina has found a routine working fully remote
- PAC: Christine received new implementation, policy and framework directed to activity. Looking to recruit individual parents and representatives of different cohorts. Incorporating willingness to serve forms into the PAC meetings to identify interested parties and making efforts to foster more engagement among parents.
- NHS: PGC going well. Introducing 12th graders to 9th graders next week. More students seem to be active in Zoom classes. 12th graders need more guidance on college applications.
- The Mental Health Committee met with JED to discuss needs and assessments. Received Self assessments for school community to complete to make sure we are doing what we can to support students mental health
  - Looking to explore Big Sibs and Habits for Success Programs to see if this program would work at Q2L

6) PAC Report (Christine)
- Kathy updated PAC for Christine
- We had our first Q2L Advisory Council PAC meeting which was a school wide program on 12/8
- Spoke about Title 1 Funds and how it’s allocated to parents ($6773)
- Survey was sent out from the PAC. Parents, please fill out the survey
- Conversation was about how to communicate officially with parents
  - texts
  - Podcasts (if we proceed, we would be the first school doing this)
  - Instagram

- Christine’s info will be provided in Chat

7) Hudson Guild (Ashley Bermudez, Middle School Program Director)
  - Learning Labs
- Ashley is the Director at Hudson Guild located at 26th between 9th and 10th
- Currently have a couple of programs running
  - Learning Labs: an initiative from the DOE to give students and alternative space to get homework done. We provide wifi, breakfast and lunch and academic support
  - Afterschool for in person or remote: can stay in the building from 8am to 5pm
  - Remote programing available from 2pm -5pm : Study lab and other activities
  - New year: cooking, podcasting, and other activities
  - Programs are free and are multi level support
  - Kathy can connect parents to Ashley

- Kathy thanks Hudson Guild for adopting a family, the turkeys and pies
- Lexi - Youth Director of Youth Development and Education programs for all Middle School
  - Launching SHSAT program soon (tutoring service) - keep an eye out for this service

8) Upcoming PTA Dates: January 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1
  - Discussion of how to help needy families during this holiday season
  - Kathy says the school has funds if any parent is in need

9) Additional business / Questions
  - Approval of minutes (motion set by Lisa and Sharon)

10) Adjournment
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm