

## **PA Board Meeting**

Attendance 11/2/15

Krista Blazek Hogarth

Ann Grissom

Kim Stolze

Neelu Sharma

Karen Slimmon

Yvette Killian

Christine Squeri

Tracy Coe

Amy Lisz

Leny Leung

Shrunali Rai

Cathy Lee

Lena Jessen

Sufi Saima

Audris Wong

Safi Runesha

Sari Weichbrodt

Tina Louie

Patty Jones

Katie Williams

## **High School Council –**

Update was distributed via email. High School council had nothing additional.

## **Middle School –**

If anyone wants to be added to distribution list for MS Bulletin – contact Karen Slimmon = she will add interested parents to list.

## **Lower School –**

We have continued problems with Aramark.

Lower School is interested in coordinating with High School Council for Restaurant Week for additional programs.

## **All Councils –**

Spirit Week – ideas

Sports Booster – discussion – possible conflict with development? It is possible to further interest in booster activities around sports.

Cheryl Rudbeck is working on Spirit Wear – which ties into school spirit – hoping to have a pop up shop in the school before the holidays.

Spirit days – trying to promote those across all the various schools.  
Ways to communicate what the PA does to other parents – volunteering. What does the PA do for parents?

Ways to get people to volunteer – Q&A after the High School parent orientation/night. This was a successful way to reach parents.

### **Dues –**

Last years' board voted a dues increase – Lab did not bill the correct amount – and there was a problem with the bills – and dues increases are not going out on the next semester bill. Discussion on the options –

\*\*Forgo dues increase until 2016-17 year.

### **Faculty Grants/ Parent Grants**

Could parents apply for a grant/partner with faculty? Councils should look at the grants submitted for their councils.

### **Aramark**

Identified a chef that might be taking the job that Rachel Brown left. If hired, work on his meeting with the different councils – Lab is committed to having a better resource in that roll.

ESH has a sizeable credit – for make up for the things that went wrong for parent night. May be a credit or not – please keep an eye on Aramark bills.

### **Book Swap**

Nov 11, 12, 13 (also maybe 16) – Swap is 18, 19 and 20. Christopher Jones said that next year Judd 126 could be used for Book Swap. Book drive – need support for books – maybe put in classroom bulletins? Principal's support, Deb Foote – It may be possible to use the middle school activity period to help sort?

### **Communication**

There are communication issues within the school. If things are being under communicated – councils should talk to principals. Send agendas and recaps – especially for action items.

Sari Weichbrodt is leaving in December – we need to support Safi.

### **Teacher On Boarding**

Concerns that new teachers have gaps in Lab knowledge -

New teacher/meeting

Mentors

Best way to handle parents in uncomfortable situation. If a parent does not know how to approach a teacher – approach Scott Fech for information on how to approach the teacher.

**Diversity Committee**

Amanda Lewis – Despite the Best Intentions – parent discussion. November 16 - RSVP. Maybe a preorder book?

**PA Speaker Series**

Feedback was very positive. ESH counselors are going to do a discussion group December 3 at 8:45am.

**Directories**

Being paid for by Lab this year. Brent has asked for help with distribution – directories are being prepared for dissemination.

**Next meeting –**

In December – High Jump has asked for 10 minutes of the meeting.

Next meeting December 7, 2015. 7pm.