PTO Meeting: May 23, 2022, 7:00pm

Principals Report- Mr. Kling

* Hard to believe there are 22 more school days- with lots to do!
* Updates on some of the upgrades to WFE- the security vestibule will be installed through the double doors. The main office will be configured. Parents will need to buzz in twice, before entering. We are excited for that- work will begin on June 28th- the day after teachers depart for their summer. We hope to reoccupy the offices by August 15th. The metal/ wood doors are already on delay. We will start the school year without the project finalized. We hope to have complete by mid-September. For teachers, students, etc.. the main lobby will be cut off. Will take some time to get used to- but added security feature.
* Other great news- the gym will have sound dampening material installed- to reduce the echoing. It will feel a little more sensory calm.
* The main office will get new floors, new paint... will be a nice upgrade for teachers to come back to.
* Quick touch base- about buses... 387 and 426 have staffing issues. They are hoping the bus can find a replacement for drivers- some parents have coordinated carpooling, but the school doesn’t have answers.
* Bus registration- only 91 students left to register out of just over 500. Some of those families might not want transportation, but they still need to fill out. It’s a new process- but the goal for the county is to hopefully reduce unused bus routes.
* Thank you to the PTO- the poster maker has arrived- but not paper yet. It’s all set up and hopefully we can print banners soon.
* The state testing is almost complete- 2 more students have some makeups- hope to be done by this week.
* Finally, wanted to provide staffing updates- will be some changes… Mrs. Prender is taking a LOA… will be filling her spot. Mrs. Dring will be going to 2nd grade. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Roskam will be joining the K team. Mrs. Adamez (Havard) will be going to 3rd grade. Mrs. Moriarty will be opening the Pre-K program for WFE, it’s one classroom with a teacher and an assistant.

Teachers Report- Mrs. Turner

* Hi all- thank you for the TWA. Was a huge success. There was something to look forward to each day. The food lasted a few extra days. The teachers really like the vase for all the flowers. The lounge looked amazing- the teachers feel loved and appreciated!
* The 3/4/5th graders- the fencing around the court is low- is there a way to get a higher fence to prevent the ball from going out into the road. Mr. Kling said there isn’t enough room for a second basketball court- but he is working on the fencing issue.

Treasurers Report- Jenny Brandt

* Rise up made just over $1000 for spirit night
* Mother/ son made $394
* Father/ Daughter made $212
* The Read a thon brought in $4359.76
* Staff appreciation- we spent about $1126.87 (which is about double what we budgeted)- we have been able to absorb that in other areas. The poster printer was about $3000…after everything clears, we will have $28,626 in checking and $31,857 in special purpose (savings account).. seems like a lot- but overall, we still have a lot to spend (5th grade trip, promotion). Our goal is to remain even. We will be over slightly- which will go into Special purpose fund.
* Jenny stuck something in mailbox today- the classroom reimbursement- would like them by end of year- to close the books at end of June
* Mr. Kling came up with an idea- to raise funds for a media center makeover- would like to get new furniture, new bookcases, etc. It is outdated. He would like to make it a more collaborative space both for student and staff. Also, some pops in color would be welcomed. We are expanding our Spanish books as well, wanting to add more books, etc.
* Plan is to have the race for education again in the fall- as it has a big reward.

PTO President- Charlotte Byrd

* PTO will meet over the summer for planning.
* Rise up spirit day was amazing- we will want to do that again next year.
* Spizzico $495, Froyo was $108.56- was a good spirit night.
* We have our last spirit night coming up 6/6 at 4pm- close. Mention WFE and we get 10% proceeds.
* Maybe we can arrange a spirit night at Senor Chiles.
* Park books would be willing to do a spirit shopping event for WFE
* Elections- tonight is election night for VP and Secretary. Nominations were sent in to keep Amanda Kelly and Abbie Finamore; Motion made to keep Amanda Kelly for another term of Vice President. Motion to re-elect Abbie Finamore as secretary for another term.
* Thank you to all volunteers- including people who aren’t considered volunteers, (teachers) for helping out with my first term. Thanking the board, and various volunteers for all their time.
* Wants to put in a plea for another pajama day.
* Yearbooks will be here June 8th.
* Mr. Kling- June 14th, the staff will put together a volunteer breakfast for all the wonderful volunteers from this year.
* Read-a-thon update; we made about $4500 or so. Our goal was $10,000 but that was a round number guess. We had a 23% participation rate. The week we chose, we realized it was a tough one with testing. There might have been some miscommunication about donations. The winning classes haven’t been announced yet. For all the top 12% of readers read 7 hours or more, there will be awards. Lowest participation was from 5th graders. Catherine will be giving the awards (non-monetary).. to kids- (extra recess, etc). Names will go into a hat for giftcards, posters, etc. All participants will receive bookmarks, and smarties candy. The medals will arrive this Wednesday. Winning class will be announced, and they will get a sweet treat (ex: donuts)
* Field day is 6/16 for 1-5th grade. Icy pops will be given out. Kindergarten will be morning of 6/17.
* We would like a grounds cleaning day- to pull weeds, etc. before 5th grade promotion.
* We would like to figure out one final pajama day for the year.
* Madagascar concessions for the play; 6/10 and 6/11. Charlotte will be there and requests 1-3 more volunteers to help those days.
* Jessica V. raised a question- is it formal? Shaking hands with principal? Mr. Kling will meet with the 5th grade team to find out what has been done in the past. The 5th graders usually get a DVD at the end, with pictures.
* Tracey Sands asked about siblings; yes, they are able to attend.
* Promotion will start before the school day begins- so just bring siblings when it starts.
* In looking at the calendar- Mr. Kling brought up pajama day. June 3rd is a possibility for another one, or the last week. 6/21 or 6/22 are possibilities. June 3rd is the popular vote- (OK’d by Mr. Kling). Next pajama day is Friday, June 3rd. Reminder there is no school on Monday, May 30. Flyer will go out- needs Spanish on the back.
* Tracey asked about the car pool line- she asked about the problems... the line gets very long. The first house- you run out of shoulder. The cars in the line are now in the driving lane- the cars are driving way too fast. Hopefully the shoulder can be longer- to have more safe space. There are children walking- without parents- and without shoulders and not letting the kids cross. She is suggesting a crosswalk. The car lines are a lot longer this year. We need to be able to accommodate the cars better. Mr. Kling recognizes the traffic. Windsor Farm is a 100% bus transportation (no walkers). There are no sidewalks and crosswalks to WFE. Mr. Kling can make a little bit of noise- but he suggests reaching out to school officials, county officials. We need to make people aware to SLOW DOWN.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Attendees- Mr. Kling, Charlotte Byrd, Jenny Brandt, Abbie Finamore, Allison Turner, Amanda Kelly, Jessica V, Catherine Konopka, Tracey Sands