General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 8th at 8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Guest Speakers: Mr. Birden, Ms. Lavin

Mr. Birden: I’ve been here for 6 years and love what I do. In our PE classes we do team building activities as well as sports. We try to target every sport and right now are doing soccer and ultimate Frisbee, next month we have volleyball and bowling. Every year we build on prior knowledge. For team building we do noodle tag games, etc. We try to prepare them for high school and beyond.

Ms. Lavin-: IL has state standards and we have national standards too- 6 of them, the last 2 are important for SEL- CPS put a mandate 5 years ago for 150 minutes of PE – we are a 30/20/10 school- PE/recess/other--We handle a lot of situation where we are teaching kids to get along and be good team members- we see 9 classes/day, can sometimes be an emotional roller coaster—One of the things I love that we do is a star student/week that students nominate and we nominate. We use this opportunity to build up and say positive things about the student. We also now have health in a classroom setting. We are one of the last schools in CPS to do (others have been doing for last 4 years), it is a CPS mandate so kids don’t get wrong info, in kindergarten it’s good touch/bad touch, don’t talk to strangers, etc.-this year we will have an informational night for parents in January before we start.

Comment: it is nice that kids get exposed to so many different sports

Question: are you low on soccer balls? Sometimes they get lost or disappear. Can we donate. Yes!

Comment: You guys still have giving tree money, so let us know what you want and we can order for you

Question: Are you guys still doing box tops? We missed Nov. 1, but will do March 1st. What does that translate to: sports uniforms. If parents know what we can use them for, might get more.

Comment: May wanna put out there what you need and parents can donate, we can incorporate into giving Tuesday,

1. Old Business
2. Fall Lit fest: Ms. Garnet wanted PTA to cover shipping costs, but they were donated by UPS store on 3023 north Clark street, need to send thank-you and we will add to facebook
3. Walk-a-thon: We will be announcing winners, we know them already but need to talk to Marisol- 31,500k total raised-have 84 family sponsorships, had 12 corporate sponsors, especially exciting to see the involvement of the young grades, shirts being ordered this week, just waiting for sizes from teachers, will be long-sleeve with blue with yellow –poster winner was voted on by all students, is framed and hung and they won a gift certificate-on the day of walk-a-thon we were at 15k and that week we got 15k more in,

Comment: at Hamilton, they raised 55k- in the lead-up to walk-a-thon, they tell specifically what each dollar amount goal will deliver—we tried to close the giving this year earlier than previous but will be a shift to educate in future years- we’ll probably have family fest earliere next year so we can start promoting earlier

1. New Business
2. Bulls Outing: tickets semi-selling, over ¼ have sold so we need to decide how we’re going to move forward- do we wanna put a group of tix (50) on stubhub, etc.—can we get teachers to promote? Yes, we will list them at face value. Almost every teacher is going—we need to get a blast out with room moms—we can also promote at report card pickup—Negron will announce winners of raffle on Thursday, no PTA member will draw—every kid that goes will also get a poster.
3. Report Card pick-up- Wednesday the 15th, make appts if you haven’t already, for junior high you just go to gym
4. Blaze Pizza fundraiser on report card pickup Nov15. 11am-9pm. 20 percent of proceeds will go back to Hawthorne pta. Must have flyer present with order. –we will put flyers at check-in table at report card pick-up
5. Spirit Wear: order window closed, gathering forms and totals coming
6. Holiday Fair- Dec. 14th- We have vendors set up, book fair usually open too and baskets raffle, maybe we’ll do a cake walk, movie for kids?

Question: who wants to do food? Maybe athletic booster wants to handle?

1. Evereve: tomorrow 6-9p, 15% back to school, if anyone wants to do dinner before email Christina or Lourdes
2. Kendra Scott give back Dec. 7th- they give 20% back
3. Spring Auction Meeting: Dec. 1st, Friday after drop-off, anyone who is interested in participating please show up, maybe have sign-up sheets at report-card pick-up, maybe have ipad playing last year’s video.

Comment- come to mtg and get a free tote or similar?

Comment- we did an evening mtg last year and will do again

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