

Family Committee Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

Members present:

Robin Goldstein
Kelly Niederhauser
Lauren Roman
Cassie Viger
Marie Davis
Katy Gautsch

Parent liaisons

1. assigned a parent to each classroom to help out with special events, organizing volunteers, etc
 - a. Saplings- Marie
 - b. Eaglets- Robin
 - c. Black Bears- Judy Smith
 - d. Brook Trout- Kelly
2. Marie is going to see how many reusable dishes she can donate to classrooms, so we can have reusable dishes for special event days, like Harvest festival, Thanksgiving, etc
3. Each liason will try to acquire a set of dishes for classroom, to be brought to events
4. Each liason will either take dishes to wash afterwards or find a volunteer to do it

Reusable dishes

1. discussion of whether in addition to apparel, we could sell reusable dishes for families to use at potlucks or whenever
2. preference for stainless steel- dishwasher safe
 - a. could be embossed with MVCS logo or sticker
 - b. Marie mentioned "inchbug" as possible vendor
3. Agreed to revisit this topic in the future

Annual fund letter

-Marie volunteered to do a "mail merge" for addresses listed in the directory

All school directory

1. Katy will include in an e mail (with specific deadline) that anyone who was not included in the directory, but wanted to be, can send in their contact info to be included in the all-school excel file directory
2. Robin will compile any additional contact info and send excel spreadsheet to Katy to e mail out

Winter Solstice event

1. venue will be New Hampton School
 - a. FC can tour the venue soon- get in touch with Katy if you want to be a part of this
 - b. Venue has a theatre (capacity 300) and a cafeteria for the potluck

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2. Kelly will make sign-up sheet- by Dec 1 to send to Katy to e mail out
 - a. Will include encouragement to provide enough food- last year we almost ran out
 - b. Also request that dishes are accompanied by a card with ingredients

Bristol festival of trees

1. Kelly will purchase tree from FC budget, will be reimbursed- max. \$50
2. Kelly and Dawn will set up tree
3. Kelly will ask teachers to post photos of their ornaments on facebook
4. Kelly will post on facebook to tell families:
 - a. Who it benefits- Newfound High School drama
 - b. Importance of reaching out to our communities, having a presence there
 - c. Include location, time, and date
 - d. Encourage families to buy raffle tickets for our tree- could use it to decorate school or Winter Solstice event

Holiday parade float

1. Robin showed FC members the parade web page
 - a. Peace theme- creation of oak peace tree with kids wishes for peace on oak leaves
2. Lauren volunteered to look through her supplies to see what she can donate
3. Marie offered to purchase paint; will see about chicken wire
4. First construction day is Nov. 17- this Saturday at Robin's house
5. Need to figure out how to have power for the lights
 - a. Pauline (not present) said she would ask Frank
6. Will borrow peace flags from Fort Creek and some from Dawn's class (not yet hung)

Spring Showcase

1. Venue
 - a. Kelly put in a call to town hall in Bristol- waiting to hear back
 - b. Cassie got in touch with Common man- waiting to hear back
 - i. Would common man donate h'oeuvres?
2. discussed time of day- evening with potluck or should we have it in the afternoon with light refreshments- unresolved
3. need to recruit local volunteers
 - a. Judy (not present) was suggested as possible leading a drum performance
 - b. Katy will ask Kelsey about any potential dance volunteers; Synergy dance as backup
4. Discussion of whether this should occur afterschool or weekend instead of during school- not teacher led- could be imposition on teachers
 - a. It would be a voluntary option for students who are interested

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- b. Students would also be encouraged to create their own performance pieces out of school- like a variety show
 - i. Would have to limit the number or allotted time for performances- by classroom?
- c. Students could create artwork outside of school as well for display in show
 - i. Artwork probably doesn't have to be limited as long as we have space to display
- 5. Robin suggested theme of "spring awakening"
 - a. Inspired by Calder's kinetic mobiles
 - b. Melting of snow, movement of awakening after winter
 - i. Art component could be creating mobiles inspired by spring movement in nature- wind, water, migration, animals, etc
 - ii. Robin would like to volunteer to help with this if she can make her schedule work
 - iii. Katy said that art *may* be able to be integrated into the classroom with some prior planning with the teachers

Childcare during curriculum nights

- 1. no more curriculum nights scheduled for this year
- 2. FC could pay for childcare during these nights if there is enough interest
 - a. This is a survey question- survey hopefully will go out next week or before

Fires at winter Family Fridays

- 1. will have one fire- location TBD- need to consult with teachers
- 2. this will be snow dependent- too much snow and Fort Creek may be impassible
- 3. drink stations by fire
 - a. discussion as to whether we will need one or two drink stations- unresolved

Recess volunteers

- 1. Olivia will be back next week
 - a. Monday and Tuesday slots are filled for next week (Thanks Liz and Jess!)
 - b. Looking for volunteers for week after Thanksgiving (Monday slot filled)

Spring fundraising-

- 1. Discussed selling food at Regatta
 - a. No one really wants to be at a grill station
 - b. Everyone more in favor of soups, chili- can be kept in crock pot- doesn't need as much prep; bread
 - c. Also a standard bake sale

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2. Discussion of calendar fundraiser- FC would like to run one of these in the spring- April?
 - a. Local businesses donate products or services
 - b. Each product or service is listed for each day in the month of April
 - c. Raffle held each day during April
 - d. Lets us reach a broader audience for fundraising- not just asking same MVCS family members to donate

Thinking ahead...

Pie fundraiser prior to thanksgiving, holidays- partner with local bakery or farm; sell pies to neighbors, friends, family, etc.

Lauren suggested a bonfire for the community, with silent auction- fall

Halloween- everyone would like to have a Halloween event outside of school- topic will be revisited