

In attendance:

Robin Goldstein

Marie Davis

Jyoti Hall

Kelly Neiderhauser

Liz Southard

Cassie Viger

Judy Smith

#### WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT

1. Venue still not confirmed- looking at Tenney Mtn to accommodate our increased size
2. Kelly will make a google docs spreadsheet for potluck (dishes, quantity, ingredients), set-up, clean-up

#### EVENTS

Intersperse family Fridays and weekend activities- should we have a survey asking what people are interested in?

1. **August / September 2019:**
  - a. hike- maybe Cardigan or Cassie suggested Lincoln woods
2. **October:**
  - a. FAMILY FRIDAY bake sale
  - b. 2019- Halloween theme- way to have kids incorporate their costumes with school friends out of school; and/or pumpkin carving? Spooky Fort Creek?
3. **December:**
  - a. Winter Solstice Concert- Thursday, December 20, 2018
  - b. Family Friday-
    - i. Cider and Coffee- Mary LeMieux will provide coffee / tea; Family Committee will provide hot cider
    - ii. do we want to offer free munchies? Unresolved.
    - iii. May have to set up separate Lower and Upper El coffee stations due to weather
    - iv. We will purchase a hot beverage carafe for hot cider
4. **January / February:**
  - a. Sledding party- hosted at someone's house- **need venue**
  - b. **February** Family Friday
    - i. Cider and Coffee- Mary LeMieux will provide coffee / tea; Family Committee will provide hot cider
5. **March /April:**
  - a. Art showcase / variety show (see below)
  - b. April Family Friday
6. **May:**
  - a. Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10 (see below)
7. **June:**
  - a. Ice cream Social

- i. Cassie said she would look into JP Scoops for ice cream discount
    - ii. Any other vendors who would donate or discount ice cream?
- 8. Other potential future events
  - a. Discussion of whether a small business fair / craft fair would be useful
    - i. Patronizing within our community
    - ii. Timing would be for next year
    - iii. Bundle it with family Friday?

#### ART SHOWCASE / VARIETY SHOW

1. WHEN: Sometime in the spring- avoid spring vacations; don't want it to be too close to Regatta in May; will depend on available venues- looking at March/April
2. WHERE: Kelly is looking into potential venues
  - a. Can we pay for a venue if need be? Is it worth it?
  - b. Potential venues discussed: PSU, tenney, church, townhall, flying monkey
  - c. Discussion of whether it's appropriate to ask families to buy tickets- maybe suggested donation entrance fee if we have to pay for venue?
3. WHAT: Art Showcase / variety show- music, dance, skit, song, artwork displays
  - a. Katy- approach teachers to see if they would be willing to work with parents / community members to develop small dance / music / art performances
    - i. For example- kids in each class could be given (3) options- they could choose which to participate in
  - b. Discussion of PSU linkup- how could students take what they learned and perform it for families at the Art showcase
  - c. NEED THEME- one that reflects the school- ask teachers / students / families for suggestions
  - d. Judy- if teachers on board- will look for parents / community members who want to participate

#### FUNDRAISING

1. Discussion about more transparency in budget
  - a. What are we raising money for?
    - i. Family committee events
    - ii. Fundraising for school- Robin will discuss with Katy- where is money going that is being raised?
    - iii. General consensus that people are more likely to contribute money if they know where there money has gone in past / will go in future. Need to earmark items for fundraising- i.e. composting toilet in the woods- \$500- that gives us a goal and a reason to present to people.
2. Box Tops
  - a. Cassie and Jyoti volunteered to be in charge of Box Top program

- i. Promoting in e mails, facebook page
  - ii. Providing boxes to each classroom to be decorated by kids
    - 1. Get kids excited about box tops, so that we have greater participation
- 3. Scholastic
  - a. Discussion about value of Scholastic
    - i. Are teachers dedicated to it? Parents?
    - ii. Suggestions (Marie) that Us Borne book program may align better with Montessori / mission of school- no mainstream characters- she will look for additional information to present to Katy
- 4. Amazonsmile
  - a. Discussion about what amazonsmile is- not everyone knows about it- untapped resource
    - i. You can tie your account to any 501c3- amazon donates .5% of your purchases to your chosen 501c3
      - 1. Explained on website, but not many people know about it.
  - a. Robin volunteered to push Amazonsmile- facebook, e mails- to get the word out before the holidays

#### TEACHER / CLASSROOM NEEDS

1. Brianna looking for parent volunteers to help out with on campus winter program
  - a. Will be 4 Mondays Jan-Feb, dates not certain yet.
  - b. Someone to take kids for snow shoe trek or other outdoor winter activity
  - c. All FC members will put the word out and see if we can locate some people
2. Looking for Lower El volunteer to do recess duty- will have a staff member on crutches
  - a. Nov 13-Dec 3, 12:30-1pm
    - i. Don't need to do every day, but if would be helpful if we could cover as many as possible
    - ii. FC will put word out and see if we can cobble together some volunteers to cover these weeks
3. Alfie's drop box- Marie volunteered to make a dropbox for checks to be located at bottom of driveway
4. Discussion of parent liaisons to help teachers with "special projects" that can be incorporated into curriculum
  - a. Lower El- cooking program? 4 times per year- seasonal or cultural
    - i. Need to discuss with teachers as to how this can be most effective / helpful
  - b. Upper El- discussion as to whether this is necessary or desired by upper El teachers- already have "special projects"

- i. Cristina had mentioned to Robin that they may need parent volunteers with special skills but she hasn't given her anything specific yet
- ii. need clarification as to whether this would be something Upper El teachers would be interested in.

#### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

- If you want to learn what we discussed about teacher appreciation week, please email Robin Goldstein at [robincoleman2009@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:robincoleman2009@u.northwestern.edu)
- This will not be posted on the website so we can keep it a SURPRISE for the teachers!