August 29th PTO Meeting

Nisha Patel-Shared her background and discussed moving forward from the Pandemic. Community survey-700 families responded and over 100 a phone calls to get a pulse on how they feel about the school district

9 out of 10 give Clayton an A

87% respondents felt our teachers were excellent

74% respondents felt our admin were excellent

We want to focus on our teachers, admin, and the behind the scenes workers

Focus on strategic plan to grow academically and socially

Approval of the Minutes was moved to approve and a second and all in favor

Presidents report:

\*Focus to rebuild our community

PTO We are Wydown Community-events for kids, families (bbq, volunteer opportunities, teacher appreciation, etc) Lots of new events to see what works. Give feedback

\*Volunteers-everything that is planned has a chair and helpers. Yayy

\*Funds for Excellence-lofty goal this year. Budgeted for 25,000. Passed out flyers at open house, walk through, QR code out there, $6,800 so far. Off to a good start

 -thoughts??? an email can go out to those who have not donated (in about 10 days)

 -the matching funds should be communicated

 -the minimum amount requesting is it calculated to reach the $25,000.

 -if those who can give on behalf of another family please do…..”Im willing to sponsor another family…..be sensitive to the info as to who you are sponsoring

 -Open House-Jamie can have it on the QR code on her presentation and during lunch period. Explain what the money goes to

 -elementary schools do not use the same language……funds for excellence and new families-educate them

 -QR code out on the sidewalk to capture those who are dropping off and picking up?

\*One teacher request-Mr. Schneider (Engineering teacher)-starting a new club at WMS-disc golf club. Asking PTO for $200 from the PTO to have it matched by another organization. Jamie explained why WMS is not just paying for it is due to 0 based budget-wasn’t part of it. One time request. Moved, seconded, approved.

\*Clayton connections update-planned 3 or 4 activities. Host families/mentor families

 25 new families have enrolled

 33 host families

Last night over 100 families attended the pre bbq

Family backyard movie night is the next event

\*August 18th walk through-feedback??

\*BBQ last night-went well in spite of weather

\*Next event family- football game at CHS on Sept 9th. Not a drop off event. Important to know which one is which. Have banner and kids run through it

Thoughts? Email Cara Downs

Treasurers report-

 -spent $300 on teachers welcome back breakfast

 -proposed budget-so far $6800

 -donation for clayton connections program-overflow from money from that. It was earmarked for them. May look weird in the report

 -using new program to do budget

\*We are Wydown-small community within a bigger environment

 -reached out to superintendent of clayton parks-Oak Knoll park-nature walk-clear out honeysuckle

 -forest releaf-non profit provides trees for community to improve our echo system

 -3 hours in Oak Knoll park on a Saturday, Oct. 29th to plant trees community service event (9-noon)

 -pot saplings in spring in creve coeur. Following fall plant the ones they took care of.

 -one at st.louis science center and one at the library

Jamie Report

-great start of the new school year

-BBQ over 400 RSVPS for last night. People stayed til 7:30pm- new families get their own time and then join the big group

-nervous about 8th graders and cell phones. 8th graders have been good about it. Continue to work towards. Allow for other ways to get out and move. 1st weeks are tight to get them into routines

-first week being flexible with tardies

-PACK time is a bit more intentional this year. Took the time to make sure every child has one of their teachers. 95% of the time it worked to make the match. Mon-Circles-sense of belonging, Tues/Wed/thurs-HOPE-academics, i.e-homework, other teachers, portfolio, email your progress-email parents to reflect on their progress. Look for the emails. Parents hearing more and kids taking responsibility, Friday fun day-community day. C day no PACK. Portfolio’s to see where they were in

-Christine S-Hound Happening-re-energized the after school intra/intramurals sports. Goes along with the WE are Wydown theme to get more kids involved

-trying to track kids and after school activities-Sept 8th and 9th walk through during PACKs to learn about clubs.

-worked this summer to get some of these off the ground-piloting them

Questions-look over the budget?

 -don't have to vote on this today. She wants feedback

 -give back night? Asking ?’s about this. PTO would buy the food and forward us the money and then the profits pay PTO back. It has to be in there. Treasure will check on it. It is a pass through item.

 -when do you receive the school supplies rebate-end of the year the check to show up

 -vote on it today with the caveat about looking into the Give back night. It is a starting point

 -no 7th grade scholarships

-Budget moved, approved, and good to go

NEXT MEETING IS SEPT. 19TH IN MAINSTREET