

## **Sakai PTO - March 1, 2019**

**Attendees:** Jim Corsetti, Alicia Bye, Shannon Treverton, John Canton, Carrie Corns, Lori Hungerford, Mitzi Haley, Charity Malatesh, Karen Vargas, Kathy McGowan, Smiley Grace Kulesza, Nicole Leiker, Morgan Rohrbach, Larry McGrail

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**MAC (Multicultural Advisory Council)** - Kathryn and Karen - MAC is coming up on its 40 plus year anniversary. The council was originally formed from a diverse group of local parents to help the children feel included and be motivated to stay in school. There was a lot of cultural bullying. The school district and MAC have worked together to strive for a diverse and accepting community within the schools. They are now trying to create an equity task force for each of the schools within the district. Teachers, administrators and students are already actively involved in MAC and attend the monthly meetings. A lot of equity work is already going on in all of the schools - they want to expand and build upon what is already happening. The meetings are held monthly and are open to the community at large. May 23rd is the MAC sponsored community celebration at Woodward - this is continuing the tradition of the Woodward culture fair. Tuesday March 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 in the BISD Board Room, MAC is sponsoring a Salon night featuring the film Dark Girls.

**Volunteer Coordinator Update** - Carrie - Nothing is actively being sought right now. They will need a few people for the Helpline food drive wrap-up. Mini mart is on March 22nd, and the salmon release will also start in March. She is also going to send out another request for help in the game room and for the playground.

**Financial Update** - Nicole - Books closed yesterday, so Nicole does not have the monthly report. She will send that out to the board within the next week. The Principals Discretionary Fund recommendations have been examined by Nicole, Smiley and Larry in cooperation with Jim and Iris. \$16,375 dollars were originally designated for this fund. They recommend that we allocate \$10,000 to a long term project to build out a seating amphitheater area outside the school to function as a seating and teaching area. The goal would be to add more to this fund next year and start construction in 2020. They also reviewed the teachers' wish list of requests submitted to Jim. Many of these requests would more appropriately be funded through special grants and classroom funds. After a thorough process of evaluation and consideration and on the recommendations of Jim and Iris, the review committee recommends that we fund window blinds for security for the front of the school at a cost of \$1500, \$334.75 for standing desks for special ed rooms, \$100 for an air compressor for sixth grade science, \$1000 to fund a chiller for the salmon tank, and \$2332.76 for PE equipment. Nicole asks that we approve \$15,267.01 to fund the above items and projects. Morgan motions to approve, Alicia seconds, all in favor - motion passes.

**Principal Update** - Jim Corsetti - He's going to begin the salmon release a little earlier and give the teachers some more freedom in planning how they want to proceed. He will coordinate with Carrie re volunteers.

**Enrichment Update** - Kathryn - For the Trex project, 1,846 pounds of plastic have been collected so far. Kathryn would love to get to 2,000 pounds before we are done. April 15th is the final date - please help publicize this! At the end of this, the students will be bringing home "what next" fliers so families know how to do this going forward. They are also going to write a letter to Amazon about how Amazon is packaging things. Discussion of the shoe drive - We will go with a two week collection period and will start probably the last two weeks of April. Kathryn will need volunteers for two days to help tie together and sort and box. She is working on a time lapse video of the process - Mitzi is going to help.

**Housekeeping** - Food Drive ends March 5th. The Levy passed - thanks for all of your hard work. Discussion of another social event ensued - we will sponsor a bingo night at the end of April to coincide with the shoe drive. We discussed Henry Guterson's request about promoting the after school sports club - We will add his classes in our upcoming newsletter but will not take any compensation from him.