

## **February 11, 2016 PCO Business Meeting**

PCO has had difficulty with getting parents to attend meetings. The PCO originated in the evenings but sometimes parents couldn't attend. Jon McCann decided to have coffee to have a place where those parents could have needs addressed. Things became more difficult when Upper and Lower schools split. A few parents recognized this and are working with the administration to improve the PCO. There's an unclear differentiation between grade level reps (GLR) and the PCO.

Originally GLR were created specifically to address issues related to that specific grade and PCO was to represent the whole school.

Mrs. Cook originally formed the Fri morning grade rep meetings to get "the word on the street" from parents. Would be helpful to have minutes from all the grade reps sent out.

Facebook has become a place for people to complain and they are looking for a forum.

**Schoology** – parents and teachers need more training. Lots of inconsistencies between classes and grades. Can we have another training night?

**Movie Day** – either April 1 or Saturday morning movie date. Premier Jungle Book. A new movie and invitation to a playground afterwards. We could do a Facebook poll about a Saturday movie.

**Fundraising - PCO** – ideas - microbrewery, restaurants that ECS own, cooking night. Remind parents to donate money. Remind parents that input is welcome.

### **Ryan Little – mini grants**

Frozen from first period- are they unfrozen? Meeting with Kate next week to discuss this. GoPro cameras for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cross Country and Ultimate Team banners.

There's still one grant unpaid from last year (Ms. King, 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and we need to follow up about it.

Do we give money to a kid who was selected for STEM leadership pathways? We need more information about the program.

Do we need scholarship money for this type of thing?

Mini grant funds only cover a larger group of the student body.

### **Kate – Board update**

No PCO Board update because they will meet next week. Will relay the inconsistent communication issue. There are a lot of parents struggling. Things were moving in the right direction with Justin.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Not much to report because of the spending freeze.

**Budget** – we have surplus this year and are doing well. We made \$2,500 on the Fair Trade Market.

There won't be a Blooming Bash this year because we didn't want to tax the donors. We might replace it with a fun event.

**Schoology** – This 7<sup>th</sup> grade class was the pilot class and that team communicates well. It's suggested that it's better to log in under your kid. Ask Mr. Kazmarek to do a training for parents. Or have Schoology rep do one for parents.

**Documentary** – Christy and Kristin were supposed to meet with Nicole Schaeffer but they didn't. They're receptive to getting a screening for teachers (paid by the school) and parents (paid by the PCO, \$500).

**Strategic Planning Session** – waiting for everyone on the PCO Executive Committee to respond. It's 3/19 and starts at 9:00. Runs til noon. Topic – How to redesign the PCO.