



East Point Academy

Parent Teacher Organization Minutes

Elementary Media Center 4:45

August 6, 2019

Attendance: Chi – Chi Abando, Joi Gilliam, Christina Phillips, Jenn Spirey, Destra Capers, Amy Roper, Channing Anderson and Mr. Bounds

1. Mr. Bounds Report

- Niche updates, students enrollment on target 735; waitlist for 1st grade; employment transition – 5 grade SS (unfilled) and School Counselor (filled); Li Laoshi will split between Gray and EPA; SPF (families with children between 6 to 11) – Support for families partnership with YMCA and Children’s Trust; 5 year Strategic plan has been approved – will evaluate to see if a high school is warranted; Kindergarten door maybe open the first two days of school; school schedule changed; no teachers will have morning carline duty – only staff; exercise equipment being installed at the Middle School

2. Amy Ropers Report

- Moon Festival games – PTO usually sponsors 12 games
- PTO table

3. China Trip Fundraising – Melanie Palomares

- Car Wash: 2 weekends - earned \$1674 at McDonalds owned by the Langleys (donated \$677 as they matched the 1 car wash earnings. Half days option for EPA car wash; averaged 9 to 10 students
- Funding
 - Admin incentives based on academics earning up to \$450
 - Question posed to PTO: Will PTO Match? In what way would the PTO like to contribute to the China Trip? Essay, Needs Based, etc
 - PTO will consider awarding a percentage of funds raised by Middle School back to them
- China Trip Website Page (safe, ease of use, transparency and accessibility)
 - Acknowledge sponsors
 - China trips updates
 - Make payments
 - Bobby and Jim will need to get together for flush out tech
 - Who manages the money? How will donations work – individual vs corporate sponsors? How to manage overages?
 - Trust?
 - Site Map or Demo available?
- Fundraising:
 - Individual
 - Corporate looping in with Amy



- Bounds personal fundraising
 - EPA concessions
3. Bylaws Review - Tabled
 4. Financial Report
 - Budget Approved
 - Additional paypal device ordered
 - Will we order Panda Warrior T Shirts this year?
 - Pennies for Pandas:
 - Funds go to Nurses
 - Advertise better
 5. Box Tops Ideas – Joi Gilliam
 - Scan stations at PTO events
 - Incentive: School wide prizes that would be separated by grade levels to make it more manageable
 6. Website Updates
 - Currently no online store; option Shopify
 - Currently being updated – need all bio’s and pictures by Tuesday, August 13th
 - Roper will send updated links and forms for website
 - PTO Events will be advertised 6 weeks in advance
 7. Back to School Night
 - On stage
 - Roles: forms, cashier, merchandise
 - Staffing:
 - Elementary – Aug 15
 - Christina, Destra, Kim
 - Jenn
 - Middle – Aug 27
 - Christina, Joi and Destra
 - Forms: Revamp Membership and Order forms
 - Teacher Appreciation Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Fundraising Committee
 8. Teacher’s Welcome Back Breakfast
 - Present new staff and teachers with Lead.Inspire.Love shirts; Check Amy office
 - Food: Eggs Up Grill \$6/person (Aug 12)
 - Meat and Veggie options
 - Sam’s run: Kimberly and Christina
 - Coffee and Hot Tea K Cups
 - Gifts: Back to School Survival Kits
 9. Merchandise and Bench Updates
 - New Staff Shirts: 18 people



- Local vendors: Franklins (Abando), Spectra: Gilliam - 7.95(3x & up), 8.95 (2xl), 5.95(s – xl)
- Work on a Merchandise event: Shirts 6.61; Hoodies?
 - Current Shirt: short sleeves Y: \$12 Adult: \$15; long sleeves Y: \$15 and Adult \$18; Membership (Kids short sleeve and a sticker) \$30; magnets \$5; sticker \$3
- Mr. Hart at least two per campus – we will start with this add plaque; shade is expensive
 - Christina will coordinate outdoor game stripping with Mr. Bounds or Mr. Hart
 - Options to spend some money – elementary size soccer goals, trophy case, landscaping

10. Other Idea

- Volunteer Drop In
- Change the name of monthly PTO meeting (Currently Executive Meeting)
- Goal: Streamline meeting: Board 4:45 to 5:15; General 5:15 to 6)
- Teacher and Student Support
 - PTO funding teachers classrooms/needs of the school
 - Amazon wishlist
 - Email Bounds and Roper
 - Increase Nurse stipend

Next meeting Tuesday, September 3 at 4:45