

PTO Meeting Minutes:

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Attendance: 10 people

1) Anna Krughoff:

a) Safety Committee Updates:

- All staff members will be safety and first aid certified by February 15th.
- There is a free safety and CPR course at Tuanis every Sunday at 2pm for CPR/first aid training. This is a free event available for everyone. You need to pre-register to attend it. Anna noted the school intends to send some of our high school students to the training.

b) Scholarship Committee Updates:

- All students with scholarships or partial scholarships will be doing an application process to reapply to the school to continue receiving scholarships.
- We are looking for additional volunteers to be on this committee. If you are interested, even if it doesn't apply to your family, it's a great way to get involved. Email christina.alty@gmail.com to be added to the volunteer list
 - *Noted: Rebecca Claassen and Yaritza Granados volunteered to be on the committee.
- Anna noted that there are 21 students that are receiving some form of financial aid right now including partial and full scholarships. It was noted the board is sending out a letter of commitment to scholarship parents to pay what they can, and/or volunteer at the school to help contribute to the scholarships they are receiving.

c) School Board Updates:

- Anna noted that the board took a break over the month of December. Now they are back and working on strategic planning for the school covering the span of the next 3 years.
- Anna noted that staffing and budget planning are happening right now. They will be announced shortly.
- The minutes will be posted on the website very soon. There is a lot of exciting planning happening right now.

2) Michael Carrion

a) Good news stories:

- The official amount raised from the Casino Night was: \$11,400.00.
- The PTO was able to purchase and distribute \$430.00 worth of books for Teacher Audrey and Teacher Brittany. The PTO would like to continue with this initiative for reading and there will be funds available for teachers this semester, as well.

b) Calendar updates:

- a. Feb 17th: Early childhood and primary school will be holding its end-of-unit celebration in the morning, please note this is a half day for students and a full day for teachers
 - b. Feb 17th: The PTO is hosting a teacher appreciation breakfast from 7-8:30 am.
 - i. Christina Alty is currently working on the menu.
 - ii. She is requesting volunteers to help with this event (5-8 volunteers needed). *Noted that Rebecca Claasen and Monica Siezar volunteered to help. She can be reached at christina.alty@gmail.com
 - c. Feb 20th: No school for mid-term on check the day long weekend.
 - d. Feb 23rd: Is the next "Dining Out With The Day School" at Tuanis from 4-9pm. 20% of the cash sales will be donated, and %15 of the card sales will be donated to the Day School.
 - e. March 1st: Next PTO meeting
 - f. March 11th: Color Run (it's a Saturday).
 - i. Details: The 1k starts at 4 pm, and the 5k and 10k start at 4:30pm.
 - ii. The run route is in downtown San Juan Del Sur along the beach.
 - iii. It was noted that we need 15-21 volunteers are needed to work the different color stations. Please email colorrn@sanjuandelsurdayschool.com to be added to the volunteer list.
 - iv. *Noted: Xochi CarVaJal and Yaritza Granados volunteered to help.
- c) Treasury
- a. PTO treasury is at \$470.51, taking into account the supplies needed for the Color Run.

3) Open Q and A Segment:

- a) There was discussion regarding communications this year and that it was almost too much; and that it almost seemed overwhelming the number of communication channels put in place this year. It was asked if there is a way to streamline the process for parents. It was noted that last year that there wasn't enough information and that now there's room for streamlining communication channels to make it more uniform. Anna noted that she'd bring it back to the board for discussion for fine-tuning.
- b) It was announced that the schools' green committee/garden club hosted a tour of the farmyard area and the chickens on Friday, Feb. 3rd. This was an exciting project for the upper-grade students to green up the school and increase food growing skills, and includes a vertical lettuce garden, a chicken tractor, and more garden beds to teach the kids food growing and outdoor skills.

The meeting ended at 9:45am. Next meeting will take place on March 1st.