

CTA Liberty PTO Meeting
CTA Liberty Library
Wednesday, October 17, 2023

Shirts for STUCO: Ms. Parilla shared the STUCO shirts that the kids designed. Last year's design started to peel towards the end of the year. Request to purchase 34 shirts through school vendor and PTO funds the request. \$10/shirt.

Principal Remarks:

- Mr. Smith said the school got the ramada - it is concrete and increase the shared outside. Next step is to identify correct places to plant trees and purchase of the umbrellas for lunch tables. Fire lanes re-painted, soccer nets on soccer goals, fields lined for both football and soccer fields, painting fixes on building exterior.
- Cultural nights at Liberty - Mr. Smith said number one priority job for teachers is during the school day with students. The next piece is to establish clubs and activities, more than half of the staff is engaged in club/activities through the year. Stipend provided but minimal compensation for this. The last thing is the cultural events (night events), gather a committee of parents that can drive this for the school. Night to celebrate a multitude of cultures. Teachers/administration are a part of this but driven by a parent committee. How do we get this started? Could we incorporate cultural activities at already scheduled events. PTO would not run this but can we figure out who can run it.
- Mr. Smith could send a google interest form and gage interest of parents. At Carnival, possible for PTO to provide a stage that can be used for performances.

Kindergarten Recruitment: Across district, down about 1000 kids in kindergarten. In Kindergarten, DLI side - 50 kids, on conventional side, 19 and 17. Some conventional are on waiting list for the DLI. Bubble in 3, 4, 5th grade, there are 3 conventional teachers but over the next years, 3 teachers will be lost (through attrition and not replaced). Mr. Smith wants 4 kindergarten teachers over the next 4 years. Would like to "wow" the parents at the open house. Herpetological society will be here with some creatures, Mr. Smith would like a budget for up to a \$1000 for swag and other items to give away at open house. Open house is November 14th. Photo booth, eagle mascot, suggestion to create an eagle face cut out for pictures with #futureeagle. Supplies for teachers to do projects/presentations for the open house. Getting ideas from other schools. The swag they are looking for: cinch bag, rubber bracelets. Raffle off socks.

Health Office Budget: Health office only receives funds for medical supplies. Does not receive any funding for supplies like clothing back up. Provide health office \$250 for supplies needed now.

Veteran's Breakfast: Ms. Lerma requested something besides the school kitchen, budget \$250 for the breakfast. Will add this as line item going forward.

Q2 Free Dress Day Friday: December 15th for Free Dress Day, organization to donate funds too from fundraiser. Possible ideas, Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

Bullying - How is it addressed at Liberty: Table that to next PTO meeting. Definition of repeated bullying is a repeated act of harassment and anytime a parent thinks this is happening, they can file a form and Mr. Smith will investigate. Try to work with the children for better behavior. 2nd step resources, counseling available, basic social behaviors.

Quarterly 4:00pm PTO Meetings: It easier for teachers to have the earlier meeting. Mr. Smith said that these are opportunities for the teachers. Lets ensure this meeting is very focused on the school/teacher needs. Next afternoon meeting will be in January and the April PTO meeting should be 4:00pm.

Open Forum:

PTO Budget: APEX Fun Run - Raise funds for general school support and PTO budget

Will use Create my tee for next year's t-shirt, request to drop spirit wear as a fundraiser

Stuco uniform drive, Stuco can supply uniforms

Special Teachers - budget \$500 (Ms. Husky, Mr. P, Ms. Engrestrom) - any teach that has to deal with K6. Band will be as needed