**5/13/2019 Julian PTO Executive Meeting**

Attendees:  Lori McConnell (President), Beth Chi (Green/Wellness), Denise Frank (Green/Wellness), Wendy Barrett (Newsletter), Nathania Montes (Diversity), Bobbi Eastman (Fundraisers), Jason Wulkowicz, Todd Fitzgerald, Meg Hudgins, Jennifer Alton, Melanie McQueen

Board Nominees

Co-Presidents – Jason Wulkowicz and Nathania Montes

Co-VPs of Communications (Website/Newsletter) - Jennifer Alten and Allison Welch

Co-VP of Programming – Sara Yount

Co-VP of Fundraising –  ?

Co-VP of Volunteers – Meg Hudgens

Lori: welcome and introductions by each participant followed.  Sara Yount and Allison Welch sent email mentioning a few additional items they would like to incorporate into their positions.

* Sara: programming could include a focus on community, bringing in experts ie. Mental health and more.
* Allison would like to reach out to divco and other to highlight racial diversity, feature teachers, students and highlight school projects as part of communications.

Lori mentioned Brooks and Julian will be partnering more in the future to share programs that will benefit the community.  Discussion over the summer will include the future of newsletter and website improvement.  The nominees were voted in by the board.

Dr. Fitzgerald: MAP testing concluded. Will be looking closely at data closely in the near future.  Two new hires: 1st: Support and Supervision in the building. Also responsible for attendance and tardy issues.  2nd hire: MTSS – multi-tiered system of support.  Includes structure of how we are supporting student needs academically by teams.

Will be looking at school improvement plans on June 7th as a leadership retreat including building leaders, culture and climate leader, IB leaders to look at past school improvement plan and to work on the upcoming 2019/20 school year plan by making needed adjustments.

Melanie McQueen: 8th Grade Party Update

Volunteer numbers were down vs. Last year.  Those who showed up were amazing and really went over the top to help. Not sure how many students, but felt like the same or maybe few more. Students and Parents who prepped the party were enthusiastic and so helpful.  One parent brought in lunch for all and was available for anything they needed.

Positive Comments: Great party, students were having fun.  Dancing, food and games were big hits. Treats on a stick went over very well and no littering of the sticks. Pizza went fast. Cake pops too were well received.  Cupcakes?  Not as well. Found many squished on floor during clean up.

The cake walk was a success.  Parent volunteers were well organized and kids had a good time. The coat check was also run extremely well.  Bags for individual items helped.

Negative Behavior:

Cupcakes smashed onto floor. Archway destroyed in first ½ hour. Was covered with balloons that boys jumped up to pop. Took a long time for volunteers to make. Chess pieces thrown around. One student stomped on one of the rented light fixtures.

Dress code – semi-formal was not consistent among students.  Boys in gym shoes, other students dressed in their street clothes.  Melanie felt behavior would be better if students were appropriately dressed as semi-formal. Felt some students were dis-respectful in terms of decorations, and appreciating efforts of the decoration committee.

Comments from the Board and those joining in the meeting:  boys may need games that keep them busy such as carnival games. Not all kids have dress clothes.  Dress code may need to be adjusted or if kept semi-formal will need to be made more clear for students and parents.

Melanie mentioned price increases:  DJ - $400, Lights - $400.  Only spent $350 for decorating as last year’s decorations were re-used.  Lori will chat with Melanie over the summer to see what is needed for the next 8th grade party so the budget can be more accurate.

 Green/Wellness:

Denise and Beth highlighted accomplishments of their committee: D97 Garden Tour, August. Great Apple Crunch – only issue, apples were thrown around outside, Joey FineRhyme Grant was a success. Had the assembly recently. Plant sale to benefit PTO through Wild Ones website. Promoted One Earth Young Filmmakers workshop. Earth Day activities during lunch Will continue to promote on FB and plan to work more with teachers next yr to promote environmental films. Ie. LA. Continue to work with IB and Climate and Culture leaders to promote student driven projects.

Bobbi: Lunch Program. Will continue with Firehouse Subs. They have started providing cups, gloves, chips. Almost have next years schedule done-working with Kathy Simon. Looking for another volunteer to take over the program after next year.

Diversity Comments from Nathania: A lot going on- Jayhawk talks, social justice club, March meeting with students, and the students also speaking to the district. Working with Brooks to combine efforts around programming and to support kids, teachers and parents. Greater outreach and support with discussion among teachers and admin. Cindy is looking for support with parents and continue relationship with high school mentors.

Programming: Cara had to leave at the start of the mtg, but mentioned the dine-around-town program is fairly easy to set up. All the teacher appreciation and student events were very successful this year with Bobbi stepping in to cater the breakfast and Michele stepping up to run the Winter Carnival with Monica.

Dr. Fitzgerald mentioned he likes to have both parties if possible. Halloween and a Winter event. More 6th graders attend the Halloween party, therefore making it a great event to start off the year right.