Liberty Tech Board Meeting

Monday, Apr. 8, 2019

Members in attendance: Mike Boylan, Andrea Ferguson, Todd Levin, Kenneth Hamner, Eric Ochsner, Esther Goss, Principal Mike Stewart, Teacher Representative Melissa King

Guests:

Called to order: Eric calls, 7:05 p.m., Kenneth seconds, passes unanimously

Public comment: None.

PTO Update

Last Chick-fil-A Friday this Friday,

Folders and agendas ordered for next year,

Upper School Dance - May 11 evening.

Field Day - May 21

T-shirts for eighth graders for Six Flags

Open action items

Pre-K - Kenneth

Talked to Bright from the Start - January 2020 application date most likely - three week window.

Requirements for application not as strenuous as we thought - refer to guidelines -

Trainings - No prerequisite, do it after licensing.

Dedicated Pre-K playground, 35 square feet per child, fenced

How do we market? 4 year olds in area? Philosophical questions?

Even if we do everything right, no guarantee we’d get it. Priority goes to underserved. Within 10 mile radius of school - there are 12 programs that are lottery funded, several have openings.

Eric - Playground is in our control - we’ve got to get it done - maybe over summer.

Kenneth - Nail down requirements for it, decide dates for building, communicate before end of school year, get help as needed

Mike said there was a construction company that was willing to help.

**Esther still needs to get added to bank account.**

Todd needs to do the training - each Monday for three weeks, 5 to 8 p.m., $1,000  - Andrea will get Todd a purchase requisition form. Mike says yes, he wants the points.

**Where’s training reimbursement?** Esther will call her tomorrow. They have all documentation from us.

Academic committee - Eric

No updates, Eric is scheduling another on-site for late April or early May for Mr. Stewart’s review. Todd did classroom visits - it was good. Sat in on a teacher interview.

Governance Committee - Eric

Board software/Office 365 - Looking at what we already have - Board Admin Google Drive is set up and not everyone is using it. Andrea set up a session so that everyone knows how to use it. Eric agrees and we need to set up expectations. Folder for each committee is set up, everyone has access to them - Executive folder set up too.

Embed agenda for next month in minutes so that it is done ahead of time.

Andrea brings up the fact that day before break lots of people take kids out early. Mike says check out rate explodes past 11:45 a.m. mark. It does put strain on front office. Makes second half of day pointless if class is missing it. Could try to discourage it - but it doesn’t seem to be effective. Half day - don’t lose anything, you gain some morale with staff, but for the 60 or 70 percent of families that keep kids in school - it’s a pain. 1 p.m. early release lets us do lunches, our after school next year does a drop-in rate and would allow people that need it to keep kids after. They also want to run camps during our breaks at school. If we do anything, we make an amendment to the calendar. Query the parents and ask for their opinion.

Eric motions moving board meetings scheduled during breaks to following Monday, Anderea seconds, passes unanimously

Development Committee - Andrea

Fourth of July parade - $25 fee - float design contest and using STEAM class - keep it inexpensive - flyer asking for support from parents (materials, trailer, etc.)

Andrea makes a motion to participate in parade, Eric seconds, passes unanimously

Movie night - 6 to 9 p.m., Mike B. providing some superhero cutouts, arranging tables, etc. Friday afternoon/evening. Set up tv’s like State of School - movies are Incredibles 2 and Toy Story 3. Concessions are $1. Sell tickets to musical there.

Adam and Todd look at sign out front - Adam has good contact with someone who can help with providing a new sign -

Finance Committee - Esther

Budget and actuals - ahead of budget.

There are 20 checks outstanding that haven’t been cashed - some as old as years. We have given them final notice.

She will go over petty cash policy with staff.

Principal’s Update - Mike Stewart

Numbers didn’t change much - biggest thing  - our best year with MAP testing - all three subjects 60 percent or higher - first time ever - sixth grade math and reading focus really paid off. Some opportunities, but understandable and addressed. Our kindergarten teachers are among best in state. Very proud of fifth grade and eighth grade math. Our strongest group of eighth graders in school history - grades and character.

Andrea asks if we can break out fundraising on dashboard. Mike says yes, already broken out.

We do start Milestones next Tuesday - excited, should do quite well. Runs 2 weeks off and on. Math is scheduled for Good Friday.

Eric motions to move to executive session, 8 p.m., Esther seconds, approved unanimously

Eric motions to adjourn meeting, Kenneth seconds, approved unanimously