

Waitsfield PTA Meeting-September 12, 2017

Attendance: Erin Koch, Jean Goldhammer, Mike Nucci, Mikki Nucci, Kaiya Korb, Andrea Cox, Elizabeth Schwartz, Lisa Lacey, Elisa Kiviranna, Ryan Kraman, Allison Werntgen

Welcome and Introductions-All Input (5 minutes)-All introduced themselves, given that we have some new attendees.

Introduce Community Council Meetings/ Brainstorm topics Kaiya (5 minutes)

Kaiya shared the history of the transition from individual districts to one unified district/ one board, which has occurred over the past two years. In this process, there was a concern about a loss of local voice. To address this concern, included in the articles of organization for our unified district was a process to create a local community council. Such a council creates a place for school-based dialogue; it should be noted, however, that if there are issues/ideas or concerns that impact areas such as budgeting, these topics will need to be brought to the HUUSD (unified) board. Given that the PTA already has a structure and shared interests, it makes sense for these council meetings to occur within the PTA meetings. Additionally, the PTA has experience sending topics that need school board attention to that part. This year, the advisory council will occur at every other month's PTA meeting. A survey will be sent to all to gather topics, but initial ideas include: Preschool, budget for coming year before it gets passed, school community, Inspiration project. Childcare will be made available during these community council meetings.

Ski and Skate Prep Meeting: Andrea shared about the Ski and Skate Sale, November 11 and 12, 2017, our only fundraiser supports the whole PTA budget. 35th year of the sale, during which the school is transformed into retail operation for 2 days. Work for the sale is already underway; sale starts to be promoted over Columbus Day weekend. Chamber of Commerce is charging \$35 per week for the banner we've always used; it was agreed that it was worth the cost for this promotion. We also felt banner for the school would be worthwhile (and not cost to be hung up.) We will continue using social media to promote the sale. Allison will come give a tutorial at next meeting on how to use the social media to this end.

Idea shared to produce some fun, creative video clips with kids as actors. Pull out items for consignment, take pictures of items... If anyone takes such a video (including raw footage), please send it to Allison, Andrea or Kaiya.

Lisa shared that she didn't realize the sale was for people outside the school or that there were outside vendors. There were ideas on how we might work with Sugarbush and Mad River to further promote the event.

Core Ski & Skate Sale Meetings 10/17-7:45 am, 10/30-6:00pm, 11/2-6:00pm

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Open House (9/26) All Input (5 minutes) 5:00-6:00pm There will be a scavenger hunt that will lead families around the school including the ski and skate sale and PTA promotion

Summer Garden Recap and looking forward Kaiya/Sally (5 minutes):

Garden issues-number of reasons it struggled this summer. Kaiya has some volunteers to help with it right now. Needs new dirt and new life with student volunteers via a Garden Club possibility. To be discussed at a future meeting...

Teacher Stipends-Meg (5 minutes) Checks have been sent out to teachers.

Directory- Elizabeth/Christine/Meg (10 minutes)

-Salespersons, Almartin/Healthy Living, Ad size and pricing.

Elizabeth has been reaching out to businesses regarding advertisements.

Almartin giving less this year, so need to reach out to others to get ads. The extra money goes to the 5th/ 6th playbill.

\$100-full ad, \$50-half ad

Let Elizabeth know if you want to be a part of this outreach.

Set dates for our yearly calendar-All Input (5 minutes)-Table this discussion

Volunteer background checks/ PTA compensation Kaiya (5 minutes)-Law that anyone who works with and is alone with children needs to be fingerprinted. This will

include many volunteers(chaperones and ski coaches). In addition to the time, there is a cost of approximately \$30/background check. Probably about 20 +/- volunteers. PTA agreed to reimburse volunteers for this expense.. Elizabeth will inform Meg about this change of checks and budget.

Welcome letters to new families-Elizabeth (5 minutes)-Elizabeth will do this.

Voting in of new members:

Elizabeth Schwartz-nominated by Kaiya, seconded by Mikki approved by all.

Erin Koch-nominated by Elizabeth, seconded by Kaiya approved by all.

Ryan Kraman- nominated by Erin, seconded by Mikki approved by all.

Meg McDonough- nominated by Elizabeth, seconded by Kaiya approved by all.

End of Meeting 7:40