

PTLG Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2009 7:00-7:50pm

ATTENDEES: Complete list of attendees available upon request.

EPMS & CFEP News

- The AGC (Annual Giving Campaign) has raised approximately \$40K so far this year. Participation is at 56%; the goal is 100% participation from parents.
- Childcare income has dropped this year.
- As much as the Board and Administration would like to make plans for growth and updates to the campus, EPMS is in maintenance mode, financially speaking. More budget cuts are expected this summer.

Teacher Comments

- The timeline formed by the students for Historical Halloween was impressive. The decision to create a timeline instead of a parade was a conscious effort in keeping with Montessori curriculum.
- Next year, it was suggested the timeline be formed on the blacktop, to allow more space for maneuvering.

Open Forum

- Questions were raised regarding development of the Grove. There are two hurdles: 1) District approval is required for any land development; and 2) fundraising is not permitted for individual projects. There may be grant funds available. This needs to be addressed by the grant writer in consultation with Ms. Hammons.
- Can irrigation for the garden be tapped from the district's recycled water line? This would be expensive. Henrik Nordberg offered to investigate further. Kevin Sullivan may have some information based on past research. Mr. Nordberg was directed to contact Kevin and consult with our Garden Manager, Raul Ruiz.

Classroom News

- Liaisons were present from Upper EI and each Lower EI classroom. The Liaisons for Room 302 and Upper EI were planning social gatherings for their class. Reminder: the campus and classrooms are closed outside of school hours. Any access must be arranged in advance and approved by Ms. Hammons.
- Thanksgiving feasts/potlucks are being held by each class. Each classroom arranges their own celebration; dates and methods of execution vary. See your class newsletter/notices, signup sheets, or Classroom Event Coordinators for more info.

PTLG Events & Committee Comments

- Outreach projects for the holidays will be:
 - ∞ November: Food drive; and
 - ∞ December: Gift collection for 10 families (2 families per classroom).
Details to follow from Victoria Manassero.
- Student Government is involved in the outreach efforts. The intent is for students to spark enthusiasm from the student body, and for PTLG to communicate details to parents.
- To avoid confusion, it was requested that the gift program be referred to as "sponsor" rather than "adopt-a-family."

- October's Parent Ed night was a success, approximately 20 in attendance for Upper El and 30 in Lower El.
- For November, Michelle would like to have an Alumni Night, a Q&A opportunity for parents prior to January's registration period, where former Eagle Peak students and their parents can share information regarding their experiences at various middle schools in the area. If this can be arranged, the next teacher-led Parent Ed will be in December (12/8).

- Details for a PTLG Cookie Exchange (social) proposed for December are forthcoming. Look for an announcement from Annie.

- Volunteer Needs are few, other than those previously advertised. Refer to the Help Wanted section in the EPMS Friday Folder notes.

- For clarity, a color PDF of the Volunteer Rotation by Classroom has been requested. Kris/Annie will distribute via email ASAP.

Volunteer Hours - Remember to log your time for meeting attendance.

Next PTLG meeting will be **Tuesday, January 5th** ~ 7:00pm, EPMS Multi-Use Room.