

PTO Meeting
9/18/19
6:45pm – 7:45pm

Welcome – Ice breaker with stickers.
Introductions of leadership team and teacher reps.

Karen Hartley Update:

- Discussed the importance of Powerschool which is the primary way of contacting people. Make sure that you have your info filled in correctly to received weekly PTO newsletter.
- The school is fully staffed.
- Informed by school committee that teachers are not to use crowdsourcing for teacher supplies. Can't be used by teachers or PTO.
- Apologize that the phones are not working at this time but they are working on it.

Megan:

Defined what the PTO is:

- Building community.
- Supporting our school.
- Fundraising.

We want to make sure that the staff feels supported.

Krasi:

Krasi the finance person. She put together a snapshot of the budget. We started with the picnic and the newsletter to kick things off this year. This is week #3 and we have raised 5K. Our goal is 15K. We will continue to keep everyone informed of how money is being used for the students/school. We will constantly be updating the Peirce website and sending out information.

Budget:

We reviewed the budget numbers. The PTO annual drive represents 42% of our total revenue throughout the year. The list provided shows the other 58% of the events that we will be doing. We are hopeful that we will come up with 37K. We increased enrichment by 2K. We would like the PTO to be the only source for fundraising for the school.

Another source of income can be gained by exploring funds outside of the PTO that are available through local businesses. There are also national programs that have grants. We need to spend time and energy obtaining larger sponsorships. This is a good conversation for the fundraising committee.

Mona – represented the Arlington Education Foundation

- We want to make sure that Peirce gets some of the funds that are available.
- Innovation and Continuing Scholar – two types of grants.
- The grants are up to \$3,500.
- We have people available who can help us with grantwriting.

The Enrichment committee could definitely benefit from some of this funding. There are three different deadline periods.

Tara Lamont:

1. Classroom supplies – some have been provided by the PTO. For next year can we find out what will be provided by the PTO. Maybe order the supplies in bulk to save money. Need to streamline the process of ordering school supplies.
2. Laminator is broken again but is being fixed. Can the teachers get a poster printer for the teachers' room.

Claire:

Reviewed upcoming events on document that was distributed. Also discussed the format of the PTO meetings (open community meeting and working committee meetings)