

Meeting notes:

Attendance: Brooke Doyle, Alexandra Brown, Chris Mena, Agnes Montejano, Anne Cevrero, Cedar Burnett, Chris Cordell, Emmy Ulmer, Holly Rossi, Jeannette Chen, John Aguilar, Karen Dugan, Karen Morse, Sarah McFarland, Kayo Whittecar, Susanne Johnson, Katie Kahle, Kirsten Blair, Robb Montejano, Mirta Villaran, Claire Jenkins, Gene Cevrero, Emmy Elmur, Jason Whittecar, Jana Gezon, Patty Aro, Shelley Bjornstad, Melon McFarland

This meeting was held via virtual telecommunication software.

Introductions

Message from the Co-Presidents Brooke Doyle and Alexandra Brown:

Successful transition to 501 c3 (as achievement over the course of last year)

Welcome letter will go out in September

Music program shirts to come, distribution TBD

Plan for Evergreen wreath etc sales for winter, which we did on small scale with short notice last year, and hope for bigger scale this year

Still needing PTSA liaison and Fundraising VP, please notify info@foresma.org if interested

Motion was made to vote on board, and current slate was confirmed as below:

Board slate for elections:

Co-President Brooke Doyle

Co-President Aleka Brown

Co-Treasurer Katie Kahle

Co-Treasurer Kirsten Blair

Secretary Claire Jenkins

Co-Communications Jessi Detert

Co-Communications Holly Iosso

Message from co-directors

John Aguilar (band, jazz, percussion): Product of SPS - always wanted to come back to serve in same system, especially as a brown male, then was at UW, and got hired at REMS on part of leadership team. He wanted to be sure to make music program inclusive. Also involved in Marching Band at UW, All City Band, and does MB clinics around country. Concert band - a little smaller than normal, working on building program (due to lack of good experience in spring for elementary students)

Chris Mena (orchestra, guitar): still 0.5 at Licton Springs, trying to get new lesson plans in place for middle school since job at REMS opened late and only 2 weeks into time at REMS. Getting to know students and procedures, assessing playing ability. Had been high school band director in past, jazz and rock background, percussionist, working on Music Ed PhD at UW/working on dissertation, Racial Ethnic identity development for Mexican American students in music education

Community Support:

Focus on making music program accessible to all students,

There is option to join music program mid-year, but often schedule challenges. Also challenges making music classes available to students with IEPs, which is a system challenge that the teachers are trying to address with the administration.

Outreach ideas - to get under-represented students in the program

Brain-storming done on "Stand Partner" idea - idea of a mentor family to be assigned to new families to music program, more tbd. Many new parents expressed feeling very welcomed and invited. Several ideas to reach out to Northgate families and a few ideas on venues and ways.

Co-Treasurers (Kate and Kirsten)

Started year at 23k, raised 33k, spent 30k

Now with approx 15k

Estimated income is 21k, expense approx 30k, which would leave us w 6-7 k for next year starting - Our goal is now to start each year w 10K though

Kate then reviewed budget in Excel Spreadsheet in more detail, of course very flexible with many unknowns:

Chinook book did not pan out last few years, and so dropping for now

Not sure if any concerts this year, so not entered in budget yet.

Additional fundraising : dine out, corporate matching funds, direct-ask in Spring, program fee

Spending: general supplies, access, instruments, instrument repairs, consumables (reed, rosin, etc), administrative costs, parades/field trips (on hold for now). Still some fees as separate from Alliance for Education this year, but much less than last year.

We now have our own account with Verity Credit Union, also just opened our own PayPal account - thanks to 501c3 status will be saving credit card charges and admin fees.

Will be switching over to QuickBooks . Learning process for both Kate and Kirsten.

Motion made and approved to pass proposed budget

Questions:

Band performance at BHS to be done virtually? It turns out there is a new band teacher at BHS, and so future of this event unknown.

Transportation for Band events? Bus available if out of city limits. We don't have any organized transportation – yet – but good idea. Facebook page has been a way to coordinate, but not everyone on Facebook.

Option to have physical connection to teachers on Wednesdays? During Library time? Small group ensembles an option during this time? Tricky due to limitations on ability to do student events currently on school grounds.

Teachers will look into options.

New parents note feels like difficult to get streamlined information for new parents.

Next meeting: Oct. 12 at 7 pm, link will be on website

Questions? info@foresma.org

Also info on website: foresma.org