

GENERAL Agenda for March 8, 2017 – Prescott

- I. PRESIDENT - Greetings
- II. SECRETARY - Attendance & Approving Minutes – Leah motioned for Feb 2017 minutes to be approved and Laura seconded; Motion carried
- III. TREASURER – Caitlyn absent but shared a report that Leah relayed: We are in good standing. Budget update expected for April meeting. Any remaining balances on classroom PTA funds also to be shared at April meeting.
- IV. FUNDRAISING - R&W-a-thon total pledges collected – about 7K so far, under projection of 10K and under 12K that was brought in from last year – probably due to shorter time frame and last year we had in-school promotional activities (writing workshops for MS and UE as well as classroom arts/writing activities in LE) (Note: After meeting Ana Helena and Laura chatted and Ana is planning on encouraging any Morris families who didn't participate to go ahead and do so – it's not too late!)
- V. SPIRIT - April Movie Night date is set for April 28 – specific movie selection and other details TBD – the big room at Morris is reserved starting at 5:30 pm (Liz confirmed)
- VI. OUTDOOR – Joy provided update - Spring Update – it is SO wet – hoping that some time in April, after school at pick up – perhaps – stay around for clean up and spring planting – other projects – idea – kids have been digging near fence post but it's exposing the concrete and out of respect for neighboring home owner we need to do something, and the fairy houses will also need to be relocated; there's a cabbage program – they give schools free plants to start in the spring – Julianne applied for this and is hoping to plant (which might even lead to sauerkraut) – and we have spinach that has survived!
- VII. ROOM PARENTS – Christine provided update - Rooms parents have been quite successful for raising funds for guides and assistants to have complimentary yearbooks – also, arts week and teacher appreciation planning is underway
- VIII. PRESIDENT - Leah made announcement for PTA leadership roles – officers and council chairs – Leah is stepping down from President and is going to volunteer to lead the Spirit Committee; if anyone is interested or knows someone they think would be great, let Leah know!
- IX. LEADERSHIP REPORT from LIZ –

- Facilities – got rid of moss on the roof and repaired the leak and discovered that roof needs replacement and gutter replacement is needed – going to get 3 bids; Also, leadership has been looking at outdoor space idea for behind shed – students are using that area for building – students have been using some big energy after school with wheelbarrow and moving stones – thinking about maybe making it a covered area where students might be able to do some more active work – idea for summer project
- Custodial service has been hired to clean both campuses daily and Fernando is still doing maintenance
- After care staffing change at both campuses
- Arts Week – 60 artists scheduled to come to Ivy (this is the week preceding spring break) – at each campus there will be opportunity for parents to do walk-through of classrooms to view and much of the artwork will be mounted and saved for the spring auction
- Budget meetings and strategic planning for '17-'18 is underway
- Spring auction is set for May 8 for Village Ballroom! Exciting entertainment has been booked! More details to come and leadership will be reaching out for volunteer involvement
- Ivy will give annual report on March 23 in Salem – parent, teacher, board member, student are all going with Liz to present
- The Ivy board is up to 7 members - very exciting
- The Equity Team is meeting 2x per month – next event is March 15 at 6 pm – Documentary Film “13” screening at Morris – intended for parents and MS students – a description will be sent – childcare offered; also planning a March 19 parent panel on talking with children about race
- Summer Camps – feedback is that price is a bit high for people so speak to Liz if this is of concern for you – the goal is to meet the needs of Ivy families and the extended length of camps was response to requests from last summer
- Lottery applications are a bit down this year so spread the word – there are 10 days remaining
- The social activism panel at Morris for UE and MS (along with SW Charter 6th graders) was very inspiring and an overall success for students and staff!

TASTER TALK: ANNE GURNEE gave presentation and answered questions about charter schools in Oregon. Detailed notes not taken. Main points covered were what a charter school is, how Oregon came to have charter schools and the function and purpose of charters in Oregon, the different kinds of charter schools, how charters are funded and how they receive different funding than other public (neighborhood schools), the legislative history, the current inequity and the goals for greater equity. Stay tuned for more information as the year progresses – all of our involvement in the advocacy efforts will be important and valuable! Liz will keep the Ivy community informed!

In Attendance:

1. Leah Maurer
2. Laura Sciortino
3. Joy Rothschild
4. Chris Andrew
5. Liz Caravaca
6. Cindy Roberts
7. Christine Steele
8. Joel Dippold
9. Ana Helena DeCastro
10. Anne Gurnee – Guest Speaker