

Merriam PTO Board Meeting

Agenda

November 5, 2020

Open PTO Meeting

- Proposed date of December 3rd @ 7pm. The future of teaching assistants is an issue that will need addressing at some point but clarification from the district administration is needed.

Meeting likely to be short form - info re assistants, what we are working on, possible reinstatement of cultural council. Open conversation to be held in the spring regarding allocation of existing & going forward PTO funds.

- Prepare a 'report' mentioning such things as allocation of funding for future personnel, not active fundraising summarizing status of the PTO. Prior to the meeting release a letter of things we've been working on. People can submit questions ahead of time and board members can be available to chat. Discussing draft bylaws, how Beth has been touching base with other PTOs and mention new/transitional Board members (introduction)*

Bridges

- Engineering challenges (1 or more) in ASM or breakout groups. Possibly facilitated by a group known to Kate Foley.

Treasurer Transition

Teacher Read Aloud/ Book Fair

- Might a BookFair be better in December since Student Led Conferences will need to be digital and so we will not have people coming through during SLC time like usual? To launch the book fair teachers could do read-alouds every 15 mins or so. Should reach out to Porter Square (long-time relationship with our school) ask what an online bookfair looks like. Query if Amy Yadav could reach out. There could be links to teacher read-outs and links to teacher wish list 'registry'.

Directory

-Is complete and should be available for public access later this week/early next.

Bylaws/ Other PTO Spending Methods

- Draft bylaws to be written up and summarized as a working document for the Dec Board Meeting, then on to be reinvestigated by the bylaw group in January. Clarity from Mr. Light may be available by Jan and the survey can be tweaked accordingly.

Camp Fair

- Need to compose and distribute a blurb to ask if anyone would be up for rethinking Merriam's Camp Fair fundraiser for a digital/online year. It's a great fundraiser because it draws funds

from outside the community. We need to make it a vibrant, viable online event. If not, it will be tabled for this year. Lots of potential as an online event.

Other -

Fun Run still possible. Doing it by class levels or even individual classes. Query whether we can still use the website we used last time.

Spiritwear - Paper flyer or advert via tech/brightarrow after thanksgiving to give people time to order in time for seasonal gift giving.