

Summit Parent Organization
Board Meeting
August 26, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:02am

Members present: Rachel Rothwell, Ellen Chindlund, Tara Anderson, Shelley Beall, Phil Isley, Davina Easter, Tess Hemphill, Kelsey Jenkins, Annette Albert, Britt Kaegel, Roz Madden, Jamie Altrup, Jennifer Black, Nikki Keiper, Liliana Swinney

Members Absent: Amanda Wheeler

Guests: Jess Brothers, Rachel Gerken, Angela Teters, Whitney Weddle, Dr. Heet, Amy Maas, Vince Currao

President Rachel Rothwell welcomed everyone. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Dr. Heet reported that Camp Raven was a huge success thanks in large part to Marissa Bradley. The first week was also a big success including First Day of School festivities and Back to School Bash. The school is seeing extremely positive response to athletic and club offerings this fall. Dr. Brandi Klepper will be making a presentation as part of the Parent Education Series on September 29 at The Summit or available through Zoom. Several projects have been completed on campus including the drive extension, sidewalk painting in the backyard, the tree deck, shrub removal and security upgrades. LGBTQ sensitivity training was provided for The Summit staff in dealing with co-workers and students. New mindfulness curriculum is being u1-sed in all grade levels. Also, Theracare is continuing its partnership with the school to offer speech services for students. There is a new lower school art teacher.

Amy Maas reported that there is a 10% increase in enrollment this year, with continued interest. We have the largest middle school enrollment ever this year. There are 39 new students and 30 new families. There is an exciting announcement coming in September. There will be an Open House for the community on Monday, November 1st 5:30-7pm and Tuesday, November 2nd 10am-1pm. Public schools will be out, so we should invite friends that would like to come by and see the school. Also, Amy is looking for parents to help with getting information out about the Open House. There is also a need for some parents to help with hospitality at the Open Houses. If you are interested in joining the Marketing Committee, please contact Amy Maas. The FACTS system has kicked off. It's being used for many purposes. See Amy with any questions. The study abroad trip to Peru is currently set for June of 2022 and currently on schedule.

Vince shared that Gala has been moved to the spring due to COVID concerns and to allow more time to plan. Dulsey Stewart and Jeff Gerken are the parent co-chairs. The Summit Business Directory will relaunch. Look for more information soon. Another round of Martin/Gerken Mini-Grants are in the process of being awarded. These are 10 \$500 grants for

teachers, funded by the Martin and Gerken families. Partners in Progress will be launching in September.

The financial update was presented by Rachel Rothwell. SPO has budgeted conservatively because we are doing some things differently this year. Class funds have been funded by SPO to, then a percentage of each class fund will be used to fund Teacher Appreciation. A sheet with details on how to request a reimbursement was distributed.

Phil Isley reported that the SCRIP program is being used by several families and usage has been ramping up with the beginning of school. The new app makes things easy. Looking for someone to learn from Phil this year and take over next year. We are returning to the 2019 procedure of leaving orders for physical cards at the front desk, to be picked up.

The SignUp Genius for volunteer opportunities has been created and will be distributed in the meeting recap to be distributed to families. When emailing the recap, please don't simply forward, take a few minutes to personalize it. Also, when emailing families please cc Rachel Rothwell and the applicable VP. Becky Breckner will let us know when she has additional volunteer trainings scheduled, so we can let families know.

Angela Teters reported on the GroupMe App. She has added everyone to each class GroupMe. All the members need to do is click the link in the text to join. GroupMe is intended as a casual way for parents to interact with each other but is not required. There will be QR codes in Friday folders to help parents get set up with GroupMe. Class representatives should reach out to their classes through GroupMe to see if parents are signed up.

As clarification, Rachel reported that again this year, any snacks provided for the classes should be store bought but this year they do not have to be individually wrapped. Reminders will be sent for upcoming events. The Teacher Appreciation Committee will be taking care of faculty and staff birthdays and winter gifts.

Upcoming Events:

9/6 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

9/7-27 - Read-a-thon

9/9 – Stuffed Animal Drive

9/10 - \$2 buy-out for Patriots Day – Red, white & Blue or Camo

9/15 - Late Start

9/23 - SPO Meeting, Uniform Buyout Day

9/24 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day

9/27 – School pictures

9/27-10/1 Scholastic Book Fair

10/1 – Fall Extravaganza & Chili Cook Off

Meeting adjourned at 9:49am

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Chindlund
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