

Family Association General Meeting Minutes for 1/25/2020

Executive Committee Attendees: Kelsey Camire, Alexis Allen, Jessica Tuttle, Stephanie Rendulic, Maggie Solis

Meeting was opened up by Kelsey Camire at 1:00pm

- State of the FA
 - Introduction
 - Current priorities and commitments
 - field trip funds for 5th and 8th grades, class parent funds for K-5, teacher appreciation event on May 8th, hopefully ice cream social at end of the year, a few more fundraisers
 - What we're planning for the rest of the year - More fundraisers: OriginalWorks (OW), Savers, school store
 - Savers goal is to support teacher appreciation + donations from requests to local businesses; OW will be run a second time this year with the original method of ordering (not the online ordering) and it will be distributed k-12, this was added in order to help with our fundraising shortfall; School store will be opened up in the spring
 - Treasurer's report: budget and fundraising overview – total raised, total committed, what that means
 - Revenue streams have shrunk dramatically over the last 5 years; over time fundraising has changed and the “painless” fundraising has stopped except for Amazon Smile program; OW fundraiser raised far less than the past and less than budgeted this year, same with the gift card fundraiser and the school store; FA goal is to have annual activities funded through fundraising rather than use the FA reserve; this year we've raised under \$4000 with our fall fundraisers and this is **half** of what we had budgeted to raise this year; we cut the ice skating event this winter (cost of ~\$650) due to lack of fundraising success; whole school events are also difficult with current limit of volunteers; historically the big costs for the FA are funds for the 5th and 8th grade trips – this year it was a grant of \$500/class; FA not covering the CNY celebration this year (which was communicated to the school at the end of last school year)
 - EC vacancies up for election (chair x 2, treasurer) – targeting election in May meeting
- Future of the FA
 - Re-write of bylaws – goal to do this spring
 - Shifting priorities and fundraising shortfalls – Input from attendees was to eliminate FA field trip funds for future years; make raising class funds part of the culture to start as early as K – communicate that we are changing our strategy to support individual class communities
 - General Meetings - finding good time for general meetings is a struggle; Attendees suggested having childcare and gym available and holding more

regular meetings would create more energy; afternoons on weekends we were noted as especially good, if care is provided

- General outline for next year - Input from attendees was to create more social events even if there were a fee. Will need more volunteer support, and attendees expressed interest.
- Booster Club – part of FA, as a committee and Jessica Tuttle will be the Booster Club rep on the Executive Committee – this will be formalized in bylaws re-write.
- Next meeting not yet determined but FA will look at March dates for next meeting
- Meet and greet other volunteers/parents
- Meeting adjourned at 3pm

Minutes submitted by Alexis Allen