

PPO General Meeting

Location: Zoom (virtual mtg)

Date: Jan 13, 2021

Agenda

Welcome Christine Bury, PPO President

Staff Appreciation Week - Laura Buchanan

- Begins the week of Feb 8th
- Sign up genius link went out, still need a few items
- Breakfast and lunch (sealed, prepackaged)
- Individually wrapped snacks, fruit, drinks throughout the week
- Bagged candy bar
- Starbucks gift cards rather than a coffee bar
- Lawn sign at a reduced rate (up for 2 days)...need donated funds
- Boho Balloons will do an arch in front of staff lounge
- Teachers have amazon wish lists
- Reminder to link amazon smile to CRA
- Connie Scott asked if this will be emailed. An email will be sent out (it will include the teacher's amazon wish list)
- Christina Tortomasi asked how people donate money for things like the balloon arch. They can venmo the lawn or balloon companies directly.
- Jenny Woodward asked where should we send the Amazon wish list items to? Answer is to the school address.
- Nikki Wheeler asked if someone can put the Amazon wish lists on each grade level Facebook groups

Jump Fundraiser (in place of the Run this year) - Nikki Wheeler

- Yesterdays online meeting wasn't hugely attended
- An evening meeting will be organized for people who know corporate sponsors. Given a PDF, don't have to go into businesses in person. Will go over what corporate sponsors will receive.
- This year we hope to receive \$25K from corporate sponsors
- The school bought jump ropes - kids will get pledges based on their jumps - promoted via social media. All done through a digital service (online portal)

- Our goal is one million jumps for the school... 1500 jumps a month, boils down to 50 jumps per kid per day
- School costs do not go away...rent, covid expenses, hand sanitizing stations, etc
- Trying to let the kids sit outside and have a better education
- No envelopes. All online. Kids make videos to inspire (ie Tik Tok)
- Elizabeth Miller asked will the school teach kids how to jump rope so they can feel successful? Our main goal is to have the kids get out there and try. We want them excited to be a part of it, not self conscious about their jump roping skills.

Box Tops - Christine Bury

- Our earnings have gone down since it went digital
- Most concurred that the new app doesn't work well and it's more complicated than cutting box tops (nothing we can do about that)
- Push Amazon smile account to make up for that lack of money
- Nikki Wheeler question to Jo Borromei - How much money are we getting from Box Tops? Jo needs access to it from Mr O'Brien since Jen Simmons is no longer in charge of it
- Jenny Woodward - Suggested everyone set up their Amazon app smile settings to donate to CRA (*Put in newsletter*)
- Christina Tortomasi - Suggested a tutorial video of how to set up Amazon Smile to donate to CRA

PPO Board Members - Christine Bury

- The vote is in Feb and we need new members!
- The open positions will be in the newsletter and on Facebook

Facebook - Christine Bury

- The grade groups are run by parents not by the school
- What do we think of Facebook live?
- Elizabeth Miller - since we're not in person, it's hard to have conversations so we turn to Facebook for a personal connection
- Kelly Stainer - Where are the parent studio nights? Changwei Dean says that Eve needs to pause it for now since it can't be live right now. Christine Bury says Admin has their plates full with all the changes and decision making over this past year. Changwei will check in with Eve.

Open Discussion

- Elizabeth Miller - What happened to Room parents/portfolio reps being chosen? Portfolio info is still being finalized by Cherise. Not in a rush because we don't know when we can be on campus. Room parents are on hold maybe for this school year.
- Timea Tokes asked about jump fundraising. Anyone can pledge ANY dollar amount, even \$1. School wants 100% participation for the kids - even if a student can only get \$1. Only money can be donated, no gift cards or anything like that.

Adjournment - Connie Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Quinnin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Questions or Comments? Please email us at: PPO@communityrootsacademy.org

Attendees:

Christine Bury, Carrie McCray, Laura Buchanan, Christina Tortomasi, Connie Scott, Changwei Dean, Elizabeth Miller, Jo Borrimei, Charity, Kelly Stainer, Joy Cleary, Leah Lewis, Nikki Wheeler, Jenny Woodward, Julie Tao, Stephanie Cherniss, Carrie Quinnin, Timea Tokes, Cassandra