

DREAM MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm (Room 18 – Art)

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. David made a motion to approve the minutes from 3-20-2017 meeting. Tracy seconded the motion. All Board members present voted in favor.

2. Reports

Art (Wolfgang)

All is on track for Art Festival on May 6th.

Band/Recorder (Melanie shared Brittany's written report below)

- Motivation is high in all band classes. Students are excited about the upcoming performances at the Arts Festival.
- Last week I began after-school band tutoring for 30 minutes on Mondays and Thursdays. I'm volunteering my time for this since 1) I'm here anyway, and 2) students hang out in the music room after school for as long as I'm here, usually an hour. This is open to any interested students, but I contacted specific families whose children are below grade level standard and so far have received all positive feedback. Seven students have attended so far and I've received word from others who want to take advantage of the opportunity as well. In the students who have already attended, I'm seeing not only increased ability, but increased confidence and motivation.
- Motivation is also high in the recorder classes and students are eager to try out for solos for the Arts Festival performance. I'm also receiving more "karate belt test" emails from recorder students than I ever have before.

Additional Information

- 1st Grade music is going well! They are accomplishing feats in "auditory figure grounding" in particular that I don't expect to see in students until the end of second grade. It is a testament to their teachers' and to George's hard work that they are developing such a strong auditory architecture, which transfers directly to language literacy and music literacy.
- The performing group I belong to, the Sierra Nevada Winds (which 4th, 5th, and 6th grade heard on February's field trip), will play its final concert of the season the evening of April 28th at Sierra College. I am able to get a limited number of free tickets for students. Many students have expressed interest and I'll get as many tickets as I can. Families only need to give me confirmation that they can attend.
- I'm excited for the return of the "Faculty Detention Band" at the Arts Festival this year in honor of Mr. Lennerton, and I'm honored to have been asked to play with them.
- I'm also looking forward to helping with the sound system at the Festival this year. Sound engineering is a long-time pleasure of mine and I hope I can be helpful!

Group discussion revisited changing to a new type of recorder for 4th graders. Dave moved that we give Laura up to \$800 leeway to buy recorders. Tracy seconded that. All Board members voted in favor.

Choir

George was not present but set a report that this is a busy weekend for choir with one Friday evening performance at Eskaton and the Golden Empire Music Festival performance at Sac State on the April 21st.

Dance (Becky)

The performance schedule is set for the Art Festival on May 6th.

Faculty Report (Rebecca)

In the process of securing donations for all May 6th Arts Festival auction baskets for all the grades. Donations will be accepted until Wed, 4/25. Rebecca also has all the teacher features with the party dates and max # of participants. Dave will forward info about these items to the Art Festival communication team to do outreach and promotion.

Rebecca said she will need support on making baskets for classes. Michelle is in charge of baskets and purchasing items. Melanie thanked Rebecca for her efforts to organize the basket project and teacher features.

Principal's Report

Melanie said with only 6-7 weeks out from the end of school, she is looking to enrollment for the 2018-19 school year.

She reported that 30 kids are signed up for next year's kindergarten class from the neighborhood boundary area. An additional 80 kids signed up for kindergarten at Deterding through San Juan Unified's open enrollment process, but there is only a total of 78 kinder spots available. Approximately, the first 60 children on the open enrollment list are siblings on currently enrolled Deterding students.

There are also more than 30 kids on the waiting list for next year's 1st grade. Melanie is asking the district for more space since a campus redesign is supposed to happen next year. The school could already accommodate another Kindergarten classroom -- 2 morning classes and 2 afternoon classes.

President's Report

Laura asked if the volunteer sign up website for the Art Festival can be added to the DREAM PTO website. Post-festival, the teacher features and baskets will also need to be added online.

Action: Elyse will add the volunteer site and a link to the teacher features to the DREAM PTO website. Julia will make the teacher features with remaining spots public on Square post-festival.

Financial/Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the budget and revenue earned to date. Melanie reported that the Dolphin Dash met its fundraising goal and far surpassed it nearing \$30,000 earned. The checks for the Chinese-language teachers are ready and the teachers should know they can pick them up.

Action: Laura said she will send an email about Brittany's salary, asking the Board to authorize paying half.

3. Events & Fundraising Plans

May Arts Festival (5/6)

- If there are any problems with organizing promotion and communication tasks, David said to come to him right away and he will try to address them.
- Communications committee will highlight teacher features and auction baskets, etc.
- Auction – Michelle is heading it up.
 - Wolfgang has a question about displays for silent auction – DREAM has been in charge of it in the past.
- Michelle and David went through the shed and used the sheets from last year about what they sold. There is still a lot of clay and ceramics.
- Sandy candy is happening
- Derrick made an order for food
- We will offer veggie burgers in addition to tri-tip sandwiches and turkey burgers.
- David said it would be great to have a new nacho machine. He will put together a cost estimate and present it to the Board.
- Jill in the office can laminate any materials we need laminated.
- Brittany asked for a "snake cord" – a 50-foot bundle of wires – for Art Festival sound equipment. It costs about \$300. Melanie is buying it. The Board can make a motion to reimburse her later on.
- Wolfgang has items he bought for the Art Festival and he should submit the receipts to David or Tracy.
- Tracy said we should bring out a set inventory of punch cards so that we know how many we will start with.
- Rebecca will work on a form for teachers to sign up for volunteer shifts.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/6 – Art & Music Festival
- 5/9 – Open House

Items for Discussion at May 15th Meeting:

- Calendar for 2018-19
- Whether or not to schedule Missoula for 2018-19, or possibly change the date of the theater week

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next DREAM Meeting: May 15, 2018



DREAM MEETING AGENDA

April 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm General Meeting (Room 18 - Art)

1. Welcome

2. Reports

- Minutes from Last Meeting
- Specialists (Art, Band & Music, Dance)
- Faculty (Teacher Representative)
- Principal
- Treasurer
- President
- Group Reports (Site Council, and SPAC)

3. Events & Fundraising Plans

- Dream Run April 19th
- Art Festival (David)