

Union Middle School
HSC Meeting
Thursday February 2, 2017

Attendees:

Rama Nemani	Maureen Currie	Audrey Mantell
Todd Feinberg	Kristi Haftorson	Jen Norcia
Doug Evans	Drew Doblal	Janette Adams
Kiley Doblal – Leadership	Sudhir Vasudevan -Leadership	Charlene Ching
Alec Ching		

Meeting Called to Order 6:36 PM

January Meeting Minutes Approval

- Doug Evans – Motion to Approve, Drew Doblal 2nd,
- Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report

- See posted Financial Report for details
- Over the month of January the motion to increase the grant budget to \$8000.00 was approved by HSC members; Also over January Maureen received an anonymous donation of \$5000 for the Home & School Club
- External Auditor has indicated we are finished with the audit, but we do not have anything official so Maureen will continue to follow up
- We will wait until all the grant requests are in before we decide how to spend down our revenue; All requests must be in by the March HSC Meeting
- Rama suggested checking in with all the clubs/groups and see what their big ticket items are
- Alec Ching suggested looking at Project the Lead the Way – believes they could use some supplies and resources; Mr. Feinberg said it's more of a personnel issue than a supply issue – we currently have one staff member dedicated to Project Lead the Way; teachers are wearing so many hats they are hesitant to take on more
- Drew suggested professional development; Mr. Feinberg said teachers have had an abundance of professional development training;
- We will do some more research before making any decisions but we would like to spend down significantly by the end of the year

Grants – Drew

- Received two new requests; \$900 for wireless mikes; \$900 for sheet music. Grant request deadline will be next March Meeting;
- Mike Barbara – \$888 - (4) hands-free wireless headsets for the P.E. Department . Use for the swing dance curriculum. Jen Norcia moves to approve wireless system not to exceed \$900; approved
- Chris Kay – \$900 - all Band groups – variety of sheet music; Music had already received \$500 from HSC; Mr. Kay has spent \$125 of his \$500 allowance; Vote to approve not to exceed \$900
- 7th/8th grade English - \$3000 for all teachers to replenish and update books

Nominating Committee 2016-17

- Process is to send out a request to join the board/committee; have received zero inquiries
- 4 returning on Exec Board; we will be in need of a Treasurer, VP and Parliamentarian
- Jen is looking for candidates for the Nominating Committee; Michelle Mason (Alta Vista), still need representatives from Carlton and Noddin ; Rama has reached out to the HSC clubs at Noddin and Carlton hoping to recruit
- Alec Ching – Volunteered to be the Corresponding Secretary
- Hospitality – Rama has some ideas
- Sports Boosters – Rama to reach out and ask if they will be returning
- Book Fair –
- Art Vista – Positions for next year taken care of – Kris & Barb will take on 6th, Murphy Rowan will move to 7th, Amy Sells will move on to 8th
- Facebook –
- Vice President – Maureen will take over
- Jen will ping a few people to see if they want to join the nominating committee
- Corresponding Sec sends thank you notes, letters, or correspondence

Book Fair

- Book Fair next month; meeting tomorrow to organize

mPower

- 6th – 8th grade Web Leaders
- 7th Sexual Harassment
- 8th Bullying and Dating Relationships
- Mpower leaders meeting with Ms. Mantell to organize the Leigh Student speaker panel

Special Projects

- Way to thank our donors; Rama would like to ask the Special Projects to organize a thank you lunch/event for our donors and volunteers
- Jen Norcia asked if we thank our corporate donors and the answer is yes, we do send out thank you notes for donors \$100 and above. Corresponding Secretary is responsible for sending out the thank you notes.

Student Leadership

- 6th grade dance next week; Sports Theme; might have a ping pong table, movie room (movie undecided)
- Geography Bee ended on 1/24
- Pennies for Patients still going til 2/16; raising money for kids with cancer;
- Making practice runs for Spirit Week; did a run through yesterday and went very well.
- Spirit Day is 3/10 being held at Branham this year. 500 tickets will be available; Players get in for free but do need to purchase tickets for family and friends
- Leadership class is going to a 3 day conference with other Leadership groups.
- Mr. Feinberg suggested providing some funds for kids to go to the leadership conference. Would like to make it possible for all students who want to go, to attend. Conference is Last week in March
- Ms. Carreras is very excited and believes this conference is very transformative
- Maureen asked how we pass information along to future leaders; Perhaps we have a speaker session so the 8th graders can pass on their information. She also asked if our leadership representatives were having trouble meeting their 20 volunteer hours requirement. Student reps at tonight's meeting believe it's not a problem to get these hours. Leadership students also put on events which provide volunteer opportunities as well

Additional Grant Request (rec'd during meeting)

- Novels for 7th grade ELA libraries; \$500 per teacher for a total of \$1500; submitted by all three 7th grade teachers; Mr. Feinberg will purchase the books and HSC will reimburse him so the teachers don't have to pay out of pocket; Drew motioned; Maureen 2nd; voted to approve

Principal/Administration Report

- Assemblies - Bryan Stow for 6th and 8th grade; 7th Digital Tat2
- Registration Day might have a different format this year; more information to come but rough idea is to have schedules online and handout locks and planners in home room class
- Quiet right now; DC trip coming up; after winter break we will have class assemblies to reiterate appropriate behavior
- Things going well
- Several pregnancies for the faculty/staff but not announced yet

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM