

Meeting House Nursery School

Board agenda

January 17, 2024

**Google Meet 6:30-8:00 pm**

**In attendance: Nate, Julia, Rachel D, Calvin, Meghan, Kevin, Paige, Devon, and Mo**

1. Approve meeting minutes from December:

- a. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Julia
- b. 2nd: Kevin
- c. Vote: all in favor

2. Reports:

Executive Director Report-Devon

Open house was not well attended and I was wondering what if any barriers there were for attendees. Perhaps bumping the date or the Packer game were deterrents. Preparing for registration, handling staff illnesses with our sub list.

Fundraising Report- Julia

Starting to look forward to beginning to plan for Parents' Night Out, it feels way out there but it will come fast.

Teacher experiences were and always are a big hit. Last year doing them as a raffle was great, it made more money, about \$300 more and WAY MORE families were involved.

Special Events-Rachel D

Feb 12-16, organizing has begun. Planning meeting was unsuccessful, but Rachel sent out a survey for people to vote and Growing, garden, floral - nature based growth - is the theme. Next step is posters and putting those pieces together. Rachel and Devon will touch base to get materials out to people.

3. 75th Anniversary Discussion

- a. Staff meeting last night they talked about the 75th and what it means to us. How big anniversaries were celebrated in the past. All for the idea of a special logo
- b. Beginning of the year picnic. In the past they did a potluck but seems like it would be a lot because we have more than doubled in size. Potentially piggy backing off family with cupcakes. Having food trucks at family events. Throwback on Thursdays for social media, celebrating the whale's birthday. Have a timeline we could use from the 70th that wasn't used. Have connections to a news station that could be used to feature the 75 year anniversary.
- c. What is board/Devon think of the scope of intent and vision of the 75th. Meghan and a couple other parents have been working on the 75th and leverage it globally in the larger alumni network community. Utilizing the location with food trucks - larger than just our current families. What are thoughts about opening it

up to alumni? Making sure parking and space accommodates those invited. We could borrow the UW parking lot, set up tents in green space?

- i. What was the precedent in the past? The 70th never came to fruition because the planning fell apart a bit when the director decided to step down. Some documentation from the past shows the celebration has been from back to school night (amped up idea) but with current families. They did invite alumni to the Whale's 50th birthday party.
- ii. Back to school night may be great for our families. Maybe a larger alumni event later in the year. Capping off the year with an amped up PNO or End of Year Picnic.
- iii. The Committee's idea is to put together a vision, create a task sheet and get the ball rolling. Should start talking about it now. It would likely involve social media, emails, calling etc. Wanting to have the building be part of the celebration. Adding Connie to the committee and other tenured staff would be a good idea to help build the committee and events.
- iv. How do we combine the following two and be successful as we head into the board transition.
  1. Grabbing engagement
  2. Focus for development and fundraising
- v. 75th Anniversary Task force.
  1. Meghan motions to create a task force for the 75th anniversary committee
  2. 2nd by Rachel D
  3. Vote: All in favor
- vi. Meghan volunteers for the task force chair. Task force can start looking into options and finances for the celebration. You can stay on the task force or committee but not have to serve on the board.

4. Mid year survey questions

- a. What comes from them? Extended programming, what parents are looking at for parent education series. Some questions help bring light to how communication is going within individual classrooms.
- b. Could add in the 75th anniversary committee member or a board member.
- c. Asking for any additional questions to add, edit it and then send it.
- d. Sending it in a stand alone email may garner better responses.

5. Additional items

- a. Nate is doing a great job rocking the baby for the entire meeting :)

6. Adjourn at 7:12 pm

- a. Motion to adjourn: Julia
- b. 2nd: Nate

Next meeting: February 21, 2024