

DSST Byers Science and Tech Parents Board Meeting
March 23, 2018
8:15am

Attendees: Michel Brossmer, Monica Dupen, Liz Levy, Vaunda Chism, Elaine Morrow, Michelle Hoskins, Claudia Roell, Dana Kang, Abir Alkabbani, Sian Adams

Welcome, Sign In, Appreciation cards

Introductions were made. Cards were signed for teacher appreciation week.

Traffic update

Monica reported that the video shoot was completed last week. The traffic video is being made for the purpose of increasing safety around the school. The video will be released before 6th grade orientation (April 26th). The plan is to release it with accompanying traffic rules and a parent pledge to abide by the rules. Michelle suggested placing signs on the wrong side of the road stating “no student drop off on this side of the street”. The traffic committee will investigate the feasibility of placing signs.

Treasurer’s Report, FOF & Byers dines out

Michelle discussed the budget. The FOF raised \$65,000. The network donation is 10%. Monica, Michel and Michelle have met to discuss next year’s budget. The STP wants to make sure all parent in kind donations are reflected in the budget so that the budget truly reflects year to year financial needs.

Silicon STEM Academy & Teacher Appreciation Week

Sian discussed the possibility of bringing silicon stem academy to the school to supplement after school activities. Silicon Stem Academy offers fund raising opportunities for schools and has provided after school programs at other schools. Michel will follow up with Brad. Elaine discussed the amount of free time for students and the need to for the STP to fund some activities so that kids have the opportunity for activities vs random free time.

DART Mania Presentation

Jennifer from DART Mania presented a fund raising opportunity for DSST. Options include an end of year party and a play night out (50% back). They are open to coming to the school as an after school activity. Cost to be determined but could be \$250-500 for a half-day session. They can accommodate 150 people at a time at their facility. This could possibly be done by grade level and/or a core value reward trip.

Cherry Creek Art Festival

Liz discussed the Cherry Creek Arts festival and an art buying lottery for students. Kids could receive \$500 to buy art for the school. Other schools have done this and the group felt that it could be a plus for DSST. Liz will discuss with Mike Lang and/or Lauren Schroer. Liz said there is also an art gallery that will bring an art exhibit to the school and provide discussion to the students about the exhibit.

Byers Buddies and Debate Club update

Claudia has created a sign-up sheet for current families to sign up to be a buddy. Claudia explained the purpose of the Byers Buddy program. The STP plans to introduce the program April 25th in time for orientation for next year's incoming 6th grade class. The STP would like to have 15 families participating as buddies. This will be put in the newsletter. The STP is making a guide for buddy families.

Spring Shindig

Dana provided an update on the Spring Shindig. Claudia, Marcelle and Dana are doing the planning. The date will be May 4th with a rain date of May 11th. This will be an end of year celebration to take place after school on school grounds. The planning committee is getting quotes for BBQ. Continental sausage will be providing a quote. Parents will bring sides. There will be music and games. The budget will be around \$1000. The STP said it would be nice to find a sponsor for the event.

STP Position needs

The STP needs to fill several positions, including board positions for this year and next year as well as positions to manage various functions. The STP will post in the newsletter.

Parent Forums

Monica discussed the upcoming parent forums. Teen Anxiety will be held on April 12th at 5:30. The Unplugged Child will be on April 26. There will also be a forum for Gifted and Talented kids on a Saturday afternoon in April.

Monica discussed the parent forums in general. The school is now providing speakers and parent support so the STP participation is now duplicative. The STP agreed to stop providing this function as the school is able to handle this themselves.

2018-2019 STP

The STP will need to vote for next year's officers at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55

Next meeting April 27 at 8:15

Minutes prepared by Sian Adams