

Waters Today Board Meeting

7 September 2017

Attendees:

Board Members: Karen, Cookie, Kelley, Laura, Sara, Leah, Jessica, Rick, Nicole

Administration Members: Principal Crespo

LSC Members: Erica Smith

Visitors: Stefanija Rukavina, Diane Garcia, Alicia Mayora, Angel Heinz, Ginger Nepomuceno, Theresa Moulton, Sharon Tonski, Lisa Hinton, Ronald Smith

Welcome/Mission Statement

Overview of Waters Today goals (Garden/Ecology program, Music, Aides, Tech, Art, etc)

Board Introductions

Right at School – Ricardo

Before/after care, recess & lunch management, extracurriculars

Right at School makes contributions to Waters Elem

Administration Update – Principal Crespo

Coffee with Crespo 9/18, 6pm, Location TBD

LSC Meeting on Tuesday 9/12, 4pm, Location TBD

4 new teachers hired for the school year

Tech plans will be shared at LSC meeting

Partnering with Columbia College on STEAM initiative – “Scientists for Tomorrow” program will be customized for Waters classrooms; 4-5 older grade science teachers + Vecchioni will attend workshop on Alternative Energy, Solar Energy & Photovoltaic Cells, Intro to Robotics

We All Live Here - Mr. Raman & Community member will be coordinating an event/project in response to recent hate graffiti – more details at LSC meeting

Science Fair – Will now be called Exhibition of Student STEM Research; need to investigate further to ensure projects also eligible/abide by official CPS Science Fair

President Update – Sara

Approval of past minutes; Approved

Greater Giving contract renewal - need to make a decision by EOM

New system would require 100s of hours of ramp-up + additional cost

Greater giving is pretty terrible, but deep tribal knowledge

Yubbler bulk supply - Best participation performance ever; need to gather feedback from teachers and families

Spirit Wear - Sara & Leah working to create additional spirit wear options via the Waters Today website

LSC Introduction – Erica

LSC is composed of teachers, administrators, staff, parents and community members

Three primary responsibilities - Monitor/approve budget and curriculum, and principal selection when necessary

Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month, alternate 4pm and 6pm (next meeting is 9.12 at 4pm); Topics on agenda:

We All Live Here project

Ms Herman doing presentation on digital media

Working to keep school's Google calendar as up-to-date as possible (Tip: add to your personal calendar)

Volunteer Update – Karen & Kellie

Back to School Social – Tomorrow! Activities, food, picnic, etc

Volunteer Sign-ups – Karen & Kellie recruit volunteers for various events, programs. At the social and curriculum night, there will be sign-ups for various committees to help delegate responsibilities and recruiting. Sharon Tonski will be heading up the Community Building Committee – events that are not fundraisers, but focus on getting families out & knowing each other better.

The website & Green Notes will always have calls for volunteers for upcoming events.

****Erica:** Will BAC reps be at the social? Hopefully!

Fundraising Update – Leah & Jessica

Pledge Drive (aka Annual Give) - Traditionally, two big fundraisers each year: Big Night (May 5/Cinco de Mayo theme) and Annual Give. This year, we are rebranding the Annual Give to a Community Pledge Drive (10.27-11.13). Kicking off on Harvest Day, glomming onto Halloween excitement. Leah & Jessica are open to suggestions! There will be a prize for the grade that raises the most money

Photo Session - In October, will have one Saturday in the Waters Garden, one at River Park; info will be in Green Notes

Thanks for Giving - Thanks for Giving will be at Artango 11.13, 7-10p

Communications Update – Cookie & Kortney, Sara

Green Notes Overview - everything gets posted to Green Notes, which feeds to public social media; all posts are rounded up weekly and sent via email. Submissions are taken from everyone! If you have something to share, submit.

Curriculum Night - 10/4, 6-8p; Childcare has been provided in the past as fundraiser for 8th grade trip (Luisa is point parent for fundraising). There will be a meet & greet at Gideon Welles afterward.

-Could we hire Right at School? Would they volunteer? REMINDER: This is supposed to be only for emergency situations where parents **cannot** find childcare & is only for children 5y and older

CC/Track - WT funds athletics, so should probably fund CC/Track as well; Cookie received request based on fees for teams to attend meets. P. Crespo explained differences between We Got Game (which Waters uses for most sports) and CPS Score (which Waters uses only for CC/Track). Waters Elem will fund the request per P. Crespo.

****Kellie:** Are there sporting opportunities for K-4? P. Crespo: Not really, mostly recreational/play, just basketball and Girls on the Run because there are not other schools. Most people go through Boys & Girls Club.

Treasurer Update - Rick

Great last two years: Both \$200K+

Last year's fundraising big goals all met (see Sept financial tables)

Vote to increase music teacher funding by \$2200; Unanimous Yes

Vote to reduce Aide fund by \$3500; Unanimous Yes

Vote for 2017-18 Goal: \$200K+; Unanimous Yes

Need to plan & vote for remaining \$11K

****Sharon Tronski:** Is general fund for aides new this year? Rick: Yes, they'll be allocated where needed

Public Comments/Questions

****Erica Smith:** Can someone from Waters attend the 9.12 LSC meeting to request permission to fundraise? Leah/Jessica will be there to complete form

****Laura Earle:** How are kinder numbers shaking out? 3 classes, ~22 each (72 total as of orientation); 3 K, 3 1st, 3 2nd. Only 3 classrooms total over 30 students (6th, 7th and 3rd)