

**Attendees:** Steven, Traci, Richard, Tracy, Sandeep, Dianne, Holly, Ned, Latosha, Susan, Anita, Ruchi, Sukriti, Ed, Brian, Cristy, Hina, Sarah

### **New Business**

- PE - Balls & Net
  - There is a request for about \$600 for various nets and balls. One specific request for badminton nets and rackets
  - Holly mentioned \$100s of dollars spent for balls thus far. There seems to be lots of balls available to the kids this year
  - **Decision:** Wait on the grant decision. Will let student council decide if they will fund this effort
- Math consultant budget for Family Math Night
  - Previous family math nights have had a speaker. There is a request to bring the same instructor from the Singapore Math parent class. The instructor will cost \$3k for the class. Previous class instructors were free
  - Need to determine if we have a lunch & learn session to offer more opportunity for parents to learn plus get the full benefit of paying for the instructor to come for the day
  - For events planning such as these nights to ensure coverage, there was a suggestion of passing out tickets to people who RSVP so they can eat. In addition, we need to either prepare for childcare beyond what RSVP'd or turn those away who did not plan ahead.
  - Proposal of having the instructor available to the teachers all day and then doing a lunch & learn session along with an evening class
  - **Decision:** Motion approved for Family Math Night budget to be increased
- New Family Satisfaction Survey
  - Scores related to "connection to CHA community" were low.
  - Hina mentioned that new parents at other schools are 1) given a family buddy person, 2) the school set up a social shortly before school starts, and 3) a potluck event for families
  - Suggestion to have the kindergarten social be scheduled ahead of time so parents can be prepared to attend shortly after school starts
  - Suggestion to leverage existing events (like curriculum night) to have socials/mixers/ice breakers
  - There is a recognition that something more is needed especially for kindergartners and 1st graders. Ideas include tents at ice cream socials for each grade or the curriculum night event, etc.
  - **Action:** have a group come together to recommend ideas for how to improve community. Hina, Latosha, and Ruchi to come up with ideas and report back to the board with suggestions.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Faculty appreciation lunch on 11/29
  - Maria is handling. Looking at Garlic Crush for this event
- Mom's night out 11/4
  - Dianne and Cristy are handling. Will have Sukriti will have a credit card reader for glassy baby and the registration. Cactus will be handling catering and offering food & alcohol
  - Sukriti has encouraged kindergarten parents to come
  - **Action:** Set up table at mom's night to communicate about poinsettia sales
- Poinsettia sale 11/4

- Communication has gone out about the poinsettia sales. Every year the sales went down no matter what the communication was
- **Action:** CHAPTER members should remind people to order poinsettias by end of day Friday
- CHA Open House 11/5
- Grade level planning
  - Ed mentioned the 5th grade has a social planned for Rough House Sports in Bellevue. A survey went out to parents and the request was to have a sports related event on a Sunday afternoon. Their social will be about \$795 + food
  - There was conversation about the \$750 budget not being enough for the grade socials. Traci mentioned do not let cost be an issue in making the event happen within reason.
  - 2nd grade survey was done. The grade preferred doing a family event in January. Still investigating venues.
  - The kindergarten social will be a Pump It Up
  - 1st grade hasn't decided what they will be doing
  - 3rd grade social - family event preferred and will probably be a magic show
- Holiday gift cards
  - Tracy Walker , Sukriti and Anita - need to connect on this
- CHAPTER @ Festival of Peace of Light
  - No volunteers needed from CHAPTER
  - Suggestion to do community building right after the event for each grade level
  - Tabled for this year given the closeness of the event – consider for next year.

### **Reports & Updates**

- Book fair – did not get to this
- Fall Festival – did not get to this
- School & Faculty Update
  - Absenteeism
    - Working on addressing absenteeism. Teachers are spending time working on homework for students when they are missing multiple weeks of school
    - Students can pick up the work when they return and will have 2 days for every day of absence
  - Parent/teacher conference
    - Parents are requesting parent teacher/conferences outside of the normal days offered
  - There is concern about whether teachers are using their time for the greater good or meeting one person's needs
  - As a community, need to do better and represent
- Treasurer's update
  - Sandeep has sent out a report
- Communications – did not get to this
- CHAPTER volunteer t-shirts – did not get to this

Next CHAPTER meeting is December 6th