

Ainsworth PTA Meeting – October 8th, 2020 1 – 2pm

Participants: Andi Mukul, Natalie Willes, Kathleen Joffer, Sandra Lau, Jennifer Rollins, Simone Goldfeder, Eleanor Gil-Kashiwabara, Alyssa, Matt, Andrea Tomlin, Andrew Johnson, Constanza Ocampo, Gabi Ordonez, Tracy Suzuki, Angela Bustamente-Jenkins, Jennifer Cies, Shaun Shaker, Jessica Kirkland, Michelle Geller (note-taker, michelletgeller@gmail.com for any corrections)

Welcome and Check-In – Andi/Jen/All

Approve September Meeting Minutes – Andi/Jen/All

- **Votes: September Minutes Approved**

**Bobbie Regan/Steph Routh: Speaking today as a community member
Portland Public School Bond Renewal #26215**

<http://yespdxschools.com>

- **Votes: Approved Endorsement by PTA**
- What is being changed this year? Last bond over-spent and for this time, got external cost estimates to be more budget accurate
- Looking for additional ways to support? Become a lawn sign captain and/or deliver lawn signs (cooler than a flock of flamingoes!) - <http://yespdxschools.com/lawnsign/>
- Summary of Critical Areas this bond supports/funds:
 - Bond is crucial pays for building/infrastructure to support our buildings and teachers
 - This is a renewal and will not impact tax rates (stays the same as is)
 - PPS commitment to rebuild or remodel Franklin, Grant, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Jefferson/Benson – funded by this bond
 - Center for Black Students Excellence investment – funded by this bond
 - Curriculum – updating devices/servers for teachers/students. New text books to accurately reflect black/POC
 - Technology upgrades
 - Accessibility – ADA/Special Ed
 - Health Safety – For ex: School room locks
 - Retrofits/ventilation systems

Communication Update: Room Parents Andrea Tomlin

- Room Parent Updates go out weekly
- Class fund collection
- Working on further ways to communicate – Slack Space or What's App
- No in-person events. Following CDA guidelines.
- POD's are being done independently and not in conjunction with PTA
- Noah – working on supporting families who need help picking up supplies.

Foundation - Natalie Wiles

- Foundation supports FTE's
- 1/3 money back to the district
- New idea to share thought starter:
 - Greatest need is to maintain EA's – support our kids who are falling behind in both English/Spanish programs. With distant learning, we will have a greater need this year.
 - PTA to withhold fundraising this year, shift goal to each family donate or raise \$500 per family (understand equity issues, give alternate ways to support)
 - Options to donate money or other ways to contribute to support.
 - Remove conflict with PTA + Foundation fundraising. Have all resources point to support students during this new normal.
- PTA Funds currently support:
 - Educating our families on what the money is going to now, community building events.
 - Monthly Q&A (community building, break out rooms so the kids/families can have social time/ice breakers)
- Concerns/Risks: Jennifer Rollins
 - From a legal perspective, funds are not transferrable
 - Need to understand where the rest of the foundation sits
 - Only person that we would leverage to support, shift from a PTA volunteer to a Foundation volunteer.

PTA Membership for the 2020/2021 School Years

- Dues are due before 10/31 – click here to join!
<https://ainsworthelementary.org/>

Equity & Inclusion: Gabby

- Started an infinity group who prefer communication in Spanish
- Held a virtual meeting. Connection/Answer questions
- Great space to promote integration and collaboration

Outreach Update: Jessica Kirkland

- Outreach: Bi-lingual counselor support needed. Limited funding, looking for parent outreach support. Interested? Email to get involved!
ainsworthptainfo@gmail.com
- Clothing & Shoe Drive: Clothing, Confidence, Inclusion
<https://mynewredshoes.org/>

Hispanic Heritage Evening October 23rd

- Creating a video, single one hour video
- Supporting Hispanic culture
- Student work, student participation, teacher work

Adjourn

PTA is holding monthly meetings. The next meeting is Fri, Nov. 13th at 1:00 pm.

To join the meeting, please e-mail *Ainsworth PTA* *for the GoogleMeet link.*