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Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday February 21, 2024 @ 7pm

Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Norman, Ms. Wong

Anna Seto, Lisa Wangh, Wendy Ng, Sherel Loo, Samantha Shi, Julia Liu, Esaiiah Doong, Candy Lee, Liqun

1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Approval of January 17, 2024 Minutes**
Lisa and Wendy approved.

3. Chair Reports

RDPA Update (Anna for Iris): - Anna attended PAC 101 for the Chair workshop, facilitating discussions on various topics.

- District representatives elaborated on Dry Grad and Inflatables, stressing the need for thorough vetting of vendors by the district.

- Inflatables must adhere to accessibility guidelines and have appropriate insurance coverage.

- Stricter regulations were emphasized, including the prohibition of signing waivers with vendors.

RAM Update (Jaimee): - Discussion centered around challenges in recruiting Montessori trained teachers.

- Successful completion of the YUM Ice fundraiser, with appreciations extended to the school for support and reminders.

- Coordination for order pickups was discussed, with arrangements made by Jamiee.

Hot Lunch Update (Lisa for Joanne): - Recap of recent hot lunch events, noting successes and areas for improvement.

- Plans outlined for upcoming hot lunches and menu development for the next term.

- Notable vendors mentioned: Lu Rou Fan Tasty, Yah Yah Ya Ramen, 101 Boba, Pizza Hut, Yummy Slice, Sushi Lovers, Hi Five Chicken, and A&W.

Fundraising (Anna): - Scheduled Movie Night on March 8th featuring the film "Migration," with a variety of food options available.

- Assistance requested from the leadership team for setup after school.

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Administrator Report

- Planning discussions for September, encompassing registration, staffing, and anniversary celebrations.

****Leadership: ****

- Launch of the Week of Kindness initiative, leading up to Pink Shirt Day.
- Efforts highlighted, including kindness heart initiatives and educational videos.

****Student Learning Surveys: ****

- Updates on survey completion deadlines for staff, parents, and students.

****Basketball: ****

- Acknowledgment of basketball season's positive impact on student athletes.
- Recognition extended to coaches and plans discussed for an upcoming tournament.
- Appreciation extended to coaches Mr. Brown, Mr. Wu, Ms. Wong, and Ms. Wanh.

****Staffing: ****

- Challenges in staffing, particularly in specialized areas like music and Montessori education, were addressed.
- Updates provided on TTOC arrangements and early dismissal for conferences.

****Parent Resources: ****

- Announcements made regarding upcoming parent sessions on youth substance use and social media awareness.

****Other Announcements: ****

- Mention of grants, collaboration efforts, and upcoming events like Track Attack and Bollywood.

- Confirmation of Saleema Noon booking for next year and plans for grade 7 farewell activities.
 - Emphasis on providing diverse extracurricular opportunities for students.
- Supporting the camp aspects in offsetting some of the costs and there is no Saleema Noon next year, as we look ahead in terms of our budgets and to help with your planning too.

6. Additional Business

7. Next PAC Meeting

April 17, 2024

8. Adjournment 7:48 pm