

Dr. Leith:

Monica was brought to reach out to as broad of a segment of our community as possible and growing meetings as they go.

Share: Sent home today in folders info about recent air quality study. Toward the end of the summer before school started a member of community had respiratory illness. To be certain that it wasn't something he'd contracted here, conducted air quality test. Done by outside contractor. Wasn't done by school or SSU. By environmental consultant. Gave extensive report that's posted to school website. Results were normal for everything in building. Learned that most of the mold spores that are found in all of the rooms are the same ones outside of building. Because fresh air in windows not surprising. Visual inspections of areas of leakage. SSU investigated with roof repair. It's an old building so constant upkeep. Pleased to learn that all results normal. 16 rooms in every building. Too dust samples from carpets to see if that triggered response. Didn't find detergent to be outside of normal standards.

Different Dismissal: Thank you for quick policy decision to change dismissal approach. Made choice at 10 am that morning. One of new parents expressed concern about front of building dismissal. Concerns made sense. In previous years we haven't had fence. Appreciate going around to the back. It's safer. Make sure child connects with adult or has permission to leave and walk home.

Pitch for new program: We received \$125K grant for Horace Mann Learning Lab. We got grant in tandem with SSU. Group leaders with SSU will participate. Will happen MTWFriday from dismissal until 430. Snack included. Project-based approach looking at real world issues, civic engagement and advocacy. Third through fifth graders. Trust this will be in place for at least three years so younger kids can take advantage.

Three trimesters: 1st through civic engagement through election process and how we can impact society structure. Second in winter is advocacy in community through performance. Video performance, theatre, performing arts. In spring, look at scientific lens for marsh madness and looking at environmental changes in local environment. Hopefully have a number of field trips. If you're interested talk to Monica. She will coordinate the program as well. Two teachers involved for each trimester. Could be different each trimester. Five group leaders, mostly students at SSU who will be here and provide support to teachers. Anticipate two classrooms. We'll see what registration looks like. May split between grades. It depends on attendance. We are looking to have a target of 30-40 students. Want it to feel different from school but work toward literacy skills. Transportation will be for those who need it. Folks who live too far away from campus and would miss regular ride home. It will be a bus that leaves at 430 and other kids can get picked up. (handout given)

What about SSU – the after school – fast program.

The fast program this year will be on Wednesdays so it's our swing time for folks who need a Wednesday activity also. Fast was a collaboration between SSU and HMLS where professors would have passion projects and would get SSU students to participate. Usually six Mondays over course of semester. Not nearly as sustained and organized as this where we meet from Oct. 3 until June.

Pitch for participation in school council: Legislation around organization of school councils. Functions as board of school. Advisory that reviews school priorities, strategic plan, and budgetary issues. This body would be involved in helping make decisions. (handout given) All members need to be elected, parents and staff. Equal parents and staff. Teacher, paraprofessional, principal and Monica. PTC co-presidents and two additional parents participate. Hold election during open house curriculum on the 28th. Will ask you to send a small blurb, grade child/children are in, why you want to participate, background and what you would bring to experience. All parents who submit blurb will have item on ballot. Parents can vote for two people. The meeting will be from 530 to 7 on second Tuesday of every month.

DPAC? Leave it up to principal?

I have a meeting with Margarita Ruiz next Thursday and will ask. My assumption is that it will continue.

Something that's changed in the school is what's going on with lunch that they're not allowed to sit with their friends?

This year we wanted to while kids were getting in routines they sit with their class. Outside they can be with whomever. When we talked about it, we discussed with teachers, and one point is that it's easier to start there and as kids know routines they can open up sitting. If they were having trouble getting kids together, we'd revert.

Timeline on the move – some sort of feasibility study.

No new info. Feasibility in October for north campus. There's long been a promise to move to south campus. They need to study where those programs in SSU would go – nursing and criminal justice. Study is due in early September. I hear there might be something happening by next fall in best case, but those conversations involve someone moving to swing space. I'm not particularly interested in the swing options. It wasn't a conducive building. People were teaching under stair case and in broom closet. There is no gym, cafeteria. There was at one point that bates remodeled and moved to the gym. I've heard a long timetable. The university is a state entity with state funds. State funds are low right now. So there's not a lot of money to

build new things except dorms. It's a different funding source and grant that funds those. I would love it if we could move. In the meantime, we're thinking about how to make this space a better space while we're here. We've moved the music space so Ms. Anderson can do more movement. There is no question that it's a puzzle for us. As soon as we know, there will be a community meeting.

Playground: There were a couple of small improvements to playground. More planned. Going to add a few lily pads so there is an obstacle course that they could do without touching the ground. The kids can't reach the monkey bars, so lily pads would help that. Steve Dibble who put the original play spaces back there is working on this. We met over summer and chose things that aren't too expensive. Want to work with PTC to find out how we can fund with some school funds and some PTC funds. We don't have large discretionary funds. College doesn't pay for that. We can ask them to chip in. they have a HMLS line but it's not very big. Air quality – emergency fund – but as far as capital, not much. There's a new floor in cafeteria. They've' invested – roof repair, fence. \$1000 to \$1500 range for new pieces. Just an upgrade for the space.

Lisa: We bought a buddy bench that we're going to unveil at BBQ. It's for kids who don't have anyone to play with and then other kids can come and include them in whatever they're playing. It's a way to make sure everyone is included in playtime. They'll be chained down.

If you're doing lily pads, why not see how we can anchor that in. Ask Steve.

PTC is also getting books that to talk to kids about core values about kindness and inclusion. I'm going to be here for all PTC meetings. I'll always be available to answer questions and spend this time with you each month.

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Lisa: Our biggest fundraiser is our Mann event, but we also hold other sales and other fundraisers throughout the year. Kathy is going to give us the treasurer's report and budget for the upcoming year.

Kathy: I at this point I talk about what we've spent and what we have left. For this meeting, we set our budget for the year. \$14150 budget for the year.

Programs \$6,700

2015 spent: \$700 math, \$500 literacy incentives/prizes, \$3,400 science programs, \$2,00 field trips (net cost to PTC)

Field day: \$2,800

5th Grade Graduation: \$1,100

Community Building: \$1,000

2015 Spent: \$400 welcome back cookout, \$600 Beat the Blues breakfast

Halloween Parade: \$300

High School Scholarship: \$500

Teacher Appreciation: \$500

Non-Profit Filing Fee: \$50

Donations: \$200 (HS after prom, children's charity, SEPAC fundraiser)

Other Misc: \$1,000 (colored paper, magnets, postage, coffee supplies, odds and ends)

Total: \$14,150

*Destination Imagination: \$900 to \$1,200 through dedicated fundraiser

As a reminder, we're still doing box tops and Crosby's receipts.

Monica: Can you please send me those documents so I can translate for those families?

Kathy: Vote on draft budget. One point I wanted to make on budget was in terms of the science programs was a huge part of this, and Dr. Leith is already talking about social studies. It's always been first in gets the money. We need to coordinate. There is more leadership and more focus. Dr. Leith wants things aligned with curriculum. We need to get more aligned. We would just add more fundraisers if it's not enough money. We just need to know in advance.

Lisa: We have a form that we'll give to teachers. And they can email the PTC email address.

Lisa: The other idea was for two fall fundraisers. Two things we thought of were the Meadow Farms, which is non-food and has some candies and wrapping paper and little gadgets. We did that two years ago. Another idea was Yankee Candle, before the holidays, and the gifts that go along. You order from the store, and 40% of every sale goes to your organization. Yankee Candle delivers everything to the school. If you did an online order, online orders went to direct people, and the paper orders went to the school. Then PTC members distributed to children.

Kathy: You said if 100 kids sold 4 candles, you would net \$4000.

Lisa: The prices are between \$20 and \$30, and all the gifty things are between \$5 and up. That hits all the price points of our school. No allergy concerns.

Kathy: Agreed to do Yankee Candle with a backup of Meadow Farms. I'm going to give this budget to Dr. Leith.

Monica: Low-income families who want to pitch in could do that too. I want to reach out for more diversity. If you have any suggestions for me, let me know. Maybe next time I'll bring them. There are six families from Brazil who want to know more about the school.

Motion approved for budget approval.

Budget requests: program registration, \$95 on behalf of DI team, 4th graders. Plus \$80, so a total of \$175 for two teams.

Seconded and approved.

Lisa: Haunted Happenings parade. October 6. The theme this year is 100 years of parks and play. At our August meeting, we discussed making the float have to do with Forest River and encompassing the cement slide. Our field day is at Forest River, so incorporating kids wearing field day shirts and making parts of Forest River and fake kids playing games and pulling wagons. The students pull wagons of food and water. Thinking of filling up those with candy for parade route. We have a family at the school who own a tow truck company, and we're going to use their flatbed. Last year we used my boat trailer, but we're not using that this year.

Lisa: This year we'll be doing it on flat bed. Any ideas for that. Brett Mentauk has offered to help build things. I'm looking for volunteers to build things. Kids come down with their families, walk with their parents with HMLS. Kids will wear field day shirts. Incoming kindergarteners would wear red shirt. I'm going to pass around a sign-up sheet if you want to help and then I'll email to find out who can help and when. And where is the best place to help. My husband is handy and has a lot of tools.

Along with the candy, maybe to put those squishy foam balls because it's related to park and play. We just bought a bunch off of amazon. 72 for \$10 or \$20.

Lisa, ask Brett, because she might have a contact for the logo.

Lisa: Even if you can't come to the build times, if there are things you're willing to do at home... let us know. Once we get the layout and what we want to do, it will be easy to task with that type of stuff. We're going to get pallets and we have cardboard.

Kelly: Update on the BBQ. I ordered 300 hamburgers and 300 hot dogs. There are 275 kids and everything was free. Open for families to come also. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, leftover goldfish, popsicles, oranges and cheese. The PTC supplies the condiments and paper

goods. I get the jugs of water, so I just fill them with water. I just need whoever is going to bring grills.

Lisa: Kathy and ?

Kelly: Teachers to serve.

Lisa: Kids wearing field day shirts again. If you're new or want to see who is who. Kindergarten wear red. Wear last year's field day t-shirts. Keep things so you could see who is who. This is the first year with the fence, so it will tighten up our area. Tickets so kids can show they're from HMLS.

Monica: *Can I have a table to help parents and let them know we're here for you.*

Lea: Spirit gear and table for PTC and playground donations.

Idea for fundraiser: *a birthday book fundraiser. A letter home to families prior to child's birthday, and family would have option to purchase book for library and a sticker would go in. \$20 and the librarian would purchase it. If it went up to a price point, the PTC would get a % from the birthday book. And then it's always there. And it helps the librarian. And we get new books. Also graduation gift. It would be cool if they could present the book to the library with their class. The principal would be involved too. Having the child pick out the topic or genre so it's more meaningful for them.*

Request: *Can we send home a note at least with links for the HMLS Facebook, twitter, chalkboard, especially for new parents who don't know.*

Lisa: I know the chalkboard, she just listed a bunch of Twitter accounts.

Facebook, for new parents to know about all of these pages. It's just one extra place to get information because you might miss it somewhere else? PTC web page is 2015 because he wanted someone else to do updates. On that page, if you put all of the links. The website never has any info. The process takes too long. I think we should take the PTC website down on the school website. Or put up there check PTC on Facebook where we can update it easily. Dr. Leith is in charge of website now. If you want anything done, Dr. Leith is doing it. Ask him for help.

Lisa: Also document with traditions should go up there.

Something for BBQ have the links attached. Have it on the table. Dr. Leith wants to do directory and collated list so there's a Gmail account to send newsletters to parents. I think the best way to get a large database of parents' emails... it will grow from there.