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Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization (CLIPCO)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meyerholz Elementary School

6990 Melvin Drive San Jose, CA 95129

Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm, GLC, Meyerholz

I. Preliminary

- A. Call to Order - 7:06
- B. Introductions - 2 kindergarten parents, new to group.
- C. Approval of May Meeting Minutes - approved

Board Members present: Heather Simonovich, Kuimeuy Wang, Jon Campbell, Steve Burrell, Jean Wang, Nicole Tang, Julie Wann, Jack Zhu, Walter Perez, Drew Coleman, Marge Sung, Rachel Tuikal, Sheng-Wu Chang, Ivy Lau, Yu Huei Lin, Yin Yin Pao, Sylvia Leong, Sherman Chan, Nan Jiang, Wen-Kai Weng, Scott Loper, Ann Ruckstuhl,

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report

1. Reps to verify class lists - in yahoo groups, make sure groups are current. Most should be the same, but there may be new students, or emails have changed. Please verify with your class. If you don't have a child's parent's email, ask their teacher. The onus is on the parent to accept to join the parent yahoo group.
2. Restart CLC? Cathy Liu and Janet Yen are considering starting it up again. Adjunct pay for teachers would come from registration fee, would be \$10 or \$15 instead of \$5, if it is approved. Would be open to whole school, not just CLIP. At Miller, it's open to whole school. There is no one on the committee to plan it. Discussion ensued about whether or not to run the CLC this year, pros and cons. Cathy will be invited to next CLIPCO meeting to discuss the CLC.

B. Treasurer's Report - 49% participation in Direct Give Campaign, still need pledge form from parents who donate online so they can know which family paid.

C. Principals' Reports -

Burrell - Miller going well, modernizing school, campus improvement, installed projectors in every classroom, which means more space in the classrooms. Classes are more student focused. At Teacher Learning Day, many good trainings, some teachers in EdTech training to teach teachers to use ipads for every student, next year, this program will start with 6th graders at Miller (program has already started at Hyde and Lawson). Other teachers worked on writer's workshop, how to give kids voice and choice, math teachers worked together. CLIP program has started pen pal program, there is more focus on writing and speaking. After school homework club 3-4 pm started Mon, Tues and Wed, starting next week. Miller has after school homework club. Miller CLC is in the planning stage: Chinese typing, digital Chinese cards, Chinese essays, writing and speaking. CLIP is reaching out to other cultural groups (French, Spanish and Japanese) - they're planning an international event.

Exchange program with Taiwanese middle school - principal talked with school district (superintendent, 5 associate super intendants): problem was identified that the district doesn't approve/support any foreign travel for district activities, because of liability. In-state travel is ok, out of state more difficult. CLIP kids can do foreign exchanges through sister city initiatives through city of Cupertino. Mr. Burrell and Marge and Leslie from district will have further discussion about possible ways to send students on an exchange program. Independently, they need to plan/discuss ways to bring exchange kids here. Sinchu exchange program is available for 7th-12th graders, organized by the city of Cupertino. If anyone has any ideas about how to convince the board to allow Taiwanese middle-schoolers to come here on exchange, please email Marge before next Tuesday.

Coleman - 1st MCAC meeting, Jon attended, they want as many people attending as possible so there is more input. They'll meet every 3rd Wednesday at 12:15. In the process of hiring special programs coordinator. Homework club starting after Parent Teacher conferences. Oct 1 is 1st parent teacher education night, about new common core report card, CASPP assessment, learn more about writer's workshop. Last year the benchmark committee set up benchmark standards for the end of each school year for CLIP, this is still be assessed to see if standards are realistic. Most CLIP staff meetings are around these benchmark standards.

Some questions arose about the staffing changes to West Valley Elementary. The school district tried interventions for several years to improve the climate among the staff, which was not conducive to learning for the students. The issue was compared to a divorce - sometimes good people just can't live together and will do better when they are not together. All teachers from West Valley have been transferred to other schools in the district. The district agrees that this was an extreme measure and is not a model to be repeated at other schools.

SIP (Special Instructional Program) Coordinator - coordinates CLIP tours, MCAC scheduling, compensation, funding, etc. 2 hours per day position, still open.

Instructional Aides 3 for 3.5 hours, 1 for 1.5 hours per day (12 hours per day). Question regarding if more IAs will be hired. At the end of last school year, there was discussion about how to support teachers more. Suggestion that teachers be surveyed, collect data, do gap analysis to see what teachers report that they need.

III. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising Committees

1. Direct Give Contest Committee (Scott / Jon) goal of \$236,000 , will be from 10/14-11/12, prizes will be T-shirts (designs are being developed), rubix cubes, bracelets, prizes are still being decided on. They are deciding what % of students in each class need to pay in order for kids to receive the prizes. Info will be sent to parents via Thursday folder at Meyerholz, sent home with Miller parents and a soft copy will be emailed to parents of Miller kids. Information will be given every Wednesday, updates given on Thursdays throughout the Direct Give Campaign.

2. T-shirts Committee - Nikki, Racheal and Wen Kai are on T-shirt committee, they're designing it and need to turn in design by 10/6

B. Cultural Enrichment Committees

1. ASEP Committee (Sylvia) - Kung fu teacher was hired. Wushu teachers are teaching kung fu, advanced lion dance teacher teaching advanced wusho
2. CLIP Art (Marge) Kids have started CLIP Art.

C. Community Outreach Committees

1. Technology & Communications Committee
 - a. Website/Email (Sherman)
 - b. Newsletter (Jon) - sent out this weekend
2. Spring Banquet Committee
3. Welcome Picnic- no one has stepped up yet to organize this.

V. Old Business - Vote on new reading curriculum for 1st-3rd grade - proposal originated from teachers, we don't know if MCAC has approved the pilot. Pilot would occur in 1 1st grade class, 1 2nd grade class, all 3rd grade classes. Many vocab overlaps with their current curriculum, kids are asked to recognize new characters. Doesn't extend through middle school, although there may be in the future. Has leveled readers for kids, according to the level they are in. Biggest cost is for reading materials for 5 classrooms, if pilot goes ahead, they would have to pay twice as much to buy books for whole school. Motion was approved to fund the new reading curriculum.

VI. New Business

VII. Public Address 9:10

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting will be on 10/15.