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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, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm, GLC, Meyerholz

- I. Preliminary
 - A. Call to Order - 7:05 pm
 - B. Approval of September 22 Meeting Minutes - Approved

In Attendance: Drew Coleman, Richard Kuan, Jon Campbell, Rachel Turkal, Ann Sung Ruckstuhl, Nikee Tan, Yu Huei Lin (Helen), Grace Tsang, Alan Fong, Bin Liao, Sammi Hsu, Wei Chen, Scott Loper, Aileen Lai, Jack Zhu, Lijuan Wang, Joyce Luo, Tow Wang, David Liu, Jasmine Wu, Jen Stewart, Julie Wann
- II. Parent Presentation
 - A. Tow Wang: Fingerprinting in CUSD
 1. Outlined concerns with the current program from the Biometrics Awareness Group that require finger printing of volunteers at CUSD (except volunteers for classroom and field trips)
 2. Recommended going with Background Check instead of Finger Printing which can be inaccurate and expensive
 3. Asking for CLIPCO support of changing the CUSD fingerprinting requirements for parent volunteers
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President's Report
 1. No report
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 1. Overall donation is at 59%, compared to 53% at previous meeting.
 2. We are behind last year by 10 points.
 3. Concern with opt-ins which limits our ability to communicate with as many families as possible
 4. Kindergarten is the highest at 67%, 1st grade is the lowest at 50%
 5. 3rd party has already met their target. Need them to share their best practice.
 6. Current balance is around \$677K. Income is almost \$100K from direct giving.
 7. Covered current expenses incurred so far
 - C. Principals' Reports
 1. Mr. Coleman
 - a) **MSAC dates have been changed.** Had to reschedule all of them to align to CLIPCO meetings.
 - b) **Need volunteers to MSAC.** Can have 2 from each grade level. No pre-requisite qualifications needed.
 - c) **CLIPCO Tours** have been scheduled on Jan 6th, Jan 12th, Jan 25th, Feb 3rd and Feb 14th from 8:30-10:30am. Will have 5 tours. Need volunteers for each tour.
 - d) A couple of teachers want to bring back the **Chinese Language Contest @ Meyerholz**, open to all students, not just CLIP students. Will need parent volunteers to staff and organized it.
 - e) **Program Evaluation** underway on programs such as the Homework Club and other programs. Working with Level Chinese to hopefully launch Parent Reports on the kids' progress soon. The software seems to be running smoothly. Things are going well.

- f) **PTA Meeting** last night where they discussed district funding. The video and presentation will be accessible online soon. Cupertino is receiving a lot less funding than other districts such as Palo Alto. We are; however, ranked as one of the top districts in terms of academic performance.
 - g) Hired **Bianca Mueller** has joined us as the new 5th grade teacher. She has a biotech research background.
 - h) **Using \$1000 toward new library books.** Huge success with Scholastics and the extra funding that it provides.
 - i) **Bulldogs Olympics** this Friday 10/21. Still need volunteers.
 - j) **Halloween** on Monday 10/31. Parade at 1:30pm, then party after than.
 - k) The district will evaluate Writers' Workshop, Technology in the Classroom ... etc.
2. Mr. Burrell
- a) **iPad Rolling Out** - Starting with 6th grader, then 7th and then 8th.
 - b) **Teacher Staffing Learning Day @ Google on 10/21** - Starting at 7:45am.
 - c) **Digital Curriculum Continues** - Teaching Digital Citizenship using Common Sense Media
 - d) **School Dance on 10/28** - Open to all, including 6th graders.
 - e) **Halloween Parade and Competition on 10/31** - Looking at competing themes such as Star War vs. Star Trek for teachers.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising Committees

1. DGC - Scott Loper

- a) Raised \$140K or **59% of goal** (compared to 70% last year at this time)
- b) We do not have the same level of awareness this year
- c) Scott will provide 2 different weekly emails starting next week - (1) weekly email outlining classroom participation status to all CLIP families, (2) weekly emails to CLIPCO reps outlining family-level participation by classroom
- d) We can use the Room Parent Communications Lists since there's only one family (Room 22) that opted-out
- e) Be positive in our communications. We managed to get 100% participation at Meyerholz without applying any pressure
- f) Prizes are finalized. Pencil pouches, backpacks, pencils, Year-of-the-Rooster T-shirts, posters, thermometers ... etc. are on track.

B. Graduation Celebration Committee

- 1. Need reps from 8th grade to sit on the committee

C. CLIPCO Program Expenditure Surveys

- 1. We'd like to gauge the effectiveness of 3 programs - (1) Level Chinese, (2) Instructional Aides, and (3) HW Club
- 2. MCAC is best suited to work with teachers and administration to create such a survey
- 3. We will submit a list of suggested questions to Mr. Coleman and create pull-down choices to better gauge feedback
- 4. IA job postings are typically available on Edjoin

D. General Discussion

- 1. Prop 58. Can someone from the district interpret and inform us if that means funding may increase if this Measure passes?

V. Old Business

- A. Finalize Proposal for Evaluation Strategies
- VI. New Business
 - A. Discussion of Prop 58 - Non-English Languages Allowed in Public Education
 - B. CUSD Election
- VII. Public Address
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourned at 9:30pm.