Friends Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018    at 5:15 PM

Attendees:

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PRIDE NEWS (PRIDE is a part of the Brunswick Charter Education Association)

* What is PRIDE? Providing our community with a variety of events for families and students.
* Building relationships and working together with the community; local businesses; and town law enforcement to assist and promote our events.
* Kristina M. and Victoria S. are our PRIDE chairs.
* Kristina and Victoria are donating $200.00 from our PRIDE fund to assist with the funding of the PTO (PTO funds provides busing for our student field trips).
* Kristina M. joined us at our meeting today to further explain PRIDE to our PTO members with Victoria (brief info on PRIDE is above) about the possibility of explaining and handing out fliers of what PRIDE is to families, and future events we will be hosting, along with the possibility of handing out pedometers.
* THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE PTO MEETING, KRISTINA!! :)

THANK YOU MARIA TORRES FOR ATTENDING OUR PTO MEETING AND OFFERING TO ASK LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR POTENTIAL SPONSORSHIPS TO SUPPORT THE PTO/WALK-A-THON AND OUR STUDENTS’ FUTURE FIELD TRIPS!! :)

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POSSIBLE GARAGE SALE:

* Possible dates: June 9th or June 16th, 2018.  Anne will check with Miya about best date (Miya offered to coordinate it). Update: Miya agreed to June 9th

WALK-A-THON (June 2nd):

* Orquidia announced that her employer will donate $300!! to the walkathon, and that they are sending the check by mail.
* We discussed the need to reach out to St. Peter’s continually so as to ensure we are all on the same page in regards to the event. Anne will write them an email asking about potentially handing out their flyers to families. Update: I emailed, no response yet
* We discussed the Art show, it was a great success, families enjoyed the food and the presentation, and it raised money for field trips. We discussed that the juice may have been too diluted and perhaps we could serve agua fresca next time. We thanked Maria Torres for volunteering, as well Adriana Arroyave. Maria Flores mentioned that serving food was really nice because then families could enjoy the event and not worry about getting home to cook dinner.
* We mentioned that we should discuss with Peter doing something similar for Music concerts since he sometimes needs help with funding as well.
* We discussed getting more sponsorships from local businesses that our staff and families often visit: i.e La Finca; Foodtown, etc.
* We discussed talking to Lilia about reaching out to families to help get them to ask their employers for sponsorships.-Update: Susan will follow up with Miss Alejandra since she sees parents in the office and Miss Lilia is going to be out for medical issues.
* Victoria printed out more sponsorship letters to hand to Maria Torres and Maria Flores.
* Places of possible sponsor restaurants/businesses: Foodtown; La Finca; Dunkin Donuts; Gambino’s; Trader Joe’s; Costa Chica; Pizza Mia; Panico’s; Tropical Supermarket; Burger King; Quisqueya Supermarket; Tender Smiles; Smile Express; PM Pediatrics; Robert Wood Johnson Community Promotions; Latino’s Supermarket; CVS; Daisy Supermarket; Laundromats; Mi Tierra; La Axteca
* We discussed asking Kristine in the office for a list of vendors that GBCS spends a lot of money on, like snow removal. Maria Torres offered to make phone calls to the vendors. Update: Kristine emailed Anne a list of vendors with phone #’s, Anne added them to the spreadsheet.
* Anne created an excel document containing a list of potential sponsors that will be sent to GBCS staff, with a cover letter, by Dianna.   The hope is that they can potentially add sponsorships of their choice/or go to one of the businesses on the list to get sponsors that will put their names on the back of the Walk-a-thon T-shirt.   The excel document will be a working document to record who is pursuing what sponsors, status, donations, etc.
* Dianna will update the teachers’ instruction document for walkathon pledges and get that out to staff.

NEXT MEETING: May 2nd, WEDNESDAY, AT 5:15 pm

\*TEACHERS AND PARENTS, PLEASE JOIN US :) \*

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria