PTO Friends Meeting: Walk-a-Thon

Tuesday January 17, 2017 5:30 PM

**Attendees:** Larissa Ford; Alicia Allen; Raizel Hall; Odelia Hernandez; Theresa Baity; Susan Jackson; Victoria Salomone (teacher); & Dianna Hess Schmitt (teacher)

**Meeting purpose:**

Walk-a-Thon

**Meeting Agenda:**

* Mr. Peter (fundraising for busing of fieldtrip)
* Walk-a-Thon

**Introductions:**

Mr. Peter introduced himself and attendance was taken.

**WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

* **Mr. Peter (music teacher) came to discuss how his elementary and middle school chorus will perform in front of judges at a high school, followed by a day of fun at Six Flags theme park. He spoke about how the money for busing is needed (to be fundraised). Potentially two buses are needed to fit a total of 40-50 students plus chaperones with a cost of $50 per student. Deadline for fundraised money: TBD. This is scheduled for May 26th. PTO suggested to get in contact with Shamrock busing ($175 per bus); there is also a parent apart of the PTO who works as a bus driver (Montage bus company in Somerset) and is willing to consider pricing of the company she works for. Ana Perez was contacted regarding fundraising. Potential raffles: flip bottle raffle; singing for fundraising.**
* **SIBLINGS FOR THE UPCOMING PARENT/ STUDENT DANCE CAN ATTEND, ONLY IF THEY ARE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF GBCS; NO OUTSIDE STUDENTS PERMITTED.**
* **The walk-a-thon’s date is June 3rd 2017. We will walk around town and meet for event in the back at GBSC’s back field. PTO parent(s) will get in contact with the Teen Center.**
* **T-shirt prices are being kept at $25.00. Potential event games in the field could be: face painting, water balloons, hoses, soccer, sand art, chalk, bubbles, potato sack races, etc. Potential high school volunteers for this event.**
* **The deadline for the donations of sponsors is May 1st and May 19th for student t-shirt donations. Donation minimum for new sponsors is $200; and $175 for past sponsors.**
* **Potential theme this year: Garden. -Once theme is approved, let Dianna (art) know ASAP.**
* **Potential Walk-a-thon snacks: water; fruit; granola. Walk-a-thon Music potentially the same DJ who works our field day or Mr. Peter?**
* **Fundraising goal for walk-a-thon: $10,000. This year we will have one big board and keep in our main lobby to keep track of donation updates.**
* **In regards to t-shirt funds, homeroom teachers will be given a big envelope to keep raised funds organized. Funds could potentially be kept in ‘safe’ in teacher’s lounge.**

**Upcoming Events were discussed:**

* GBCS EXPO (1/26)- wristbands to be sold at expo.

**Other Fundraising Items for sale:**

* Wrist bands $3 -ALSO TO BE SOLD AT PARENT-CHILD DANCE
* Old Walk-a-Thon T-Shirts $7 -ALSO TO BE SOLD AT PARENT-CHILD DANCE

**Other Discussion Points:**

* **We haven’t received our check yet from clothing drive company. Expected check amount is $242.25.**

**Next Meeting:**

* Thursday, February 2, @6:00pm

Respectfully,

Victoria Salomone