

10/26 Agenda

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Parent Survey

NOTES:

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Possible new community member

Maureen needs to step off but would still like to be involved in some manner

Minute keeper - Eden Dunckel

Review Edits/Revisions in School Improvement Plan

Trying to put into place concrete action items

Halloween feedback and families feeling disconnected

Concrete step for parents reconnecting to school

Goal One

Added action steps to partner with PTSO to plan community events

Art Show

World Heritage

Spring Fling

50th Anniversary celebration

Parent Involvement/Connection

50th Anniversary

- Nancy - Debbie Hess, Nancy, Marcia FitzGerald, Astrid
- Interesting and fabulous place to be
- Talking about getting staff together

- Would those within the school have the energy to plan?
- Low key staff alumni and current alumni in Spring
- School may wish to do something schoolwide
- 25th anniversary - past students, teachers, parents, artworks from all the years, letters from a second grader
- Energy or ideas for schoolwide - original four look at low key staff get together
- Filmed? Plane overhead...

Marni making a film around art integration link to alumni speaking about power of art integration and power that remains

Highlights art integration and impact over the last 50 years

Marni - you can make more than one thing out of documentary, reason to reach out to alumni for video clips

Maureen - boys take pride in being part of McT, tying staff and alumni together special for all the kids, unifying element, deepening sense of pride for current students, would like to stay connected on how to help

Nancy - voices of the past students, daughters articulate about what McT meant to them

Marni - not only alumni, are we allowed back in the classroom to film?, otherwise may feel a little empty

Christy - guidelines have not changed but hope will change after more students vaccinated, some wiggle room in guidelines, can reach out to Peter, hopeful to have visitors by beginning of new year

Marni - masks hard when can't see faces, could shoot outside with more planning

Partner of PTSO and School Council - PTSO will take lead on Art Show and world Heritage
Combine Spring Fling with 50th celebration? Alumni voices
Tied to school plan
Two-year goal for documentary on full art integration

Joe - happy to partner with PTSO on this

Justin - pay homage to where we've come from and history and we have not changed as a school: art integration

Marni - relates to Halloween discussion, opportunity to be clear about future traditions, measure of growth - look back and remember earlier traditions, do care about having those things that stay for a long time that are measures of growth for the kids, introduce something that checks those same boxes, keep and unify as community for the future and get those excited

Christy - Halloween response reflecting on, highlighted we need to articulate traditions that keep us as McT, learning those things as new principal, highlight and emphasize

Joe - think creatively about ways to engage community, beyond email or standard activities?

Timeline for documentary - two years seems like a long time, makes sense if can condense and make shorter, can begin in winter / spring with alumni and wrap up in early fall

Steps for planning anniversary celebration and arti integration and traditions:

- Collect alumni information - need point person, split up reaching out to people
- Nov. 2 - emptying out curriculum closet - huge shelf of archives - sort and organize
 - Do we have pictures of building when being built?
 - Video footage?
 - Any visuals would be helpful for documentary
 - Kari can help
- Astrid up-to-date list of alumni staff - Nancy will connect with her and alumni staff about being interviewed (not great video from Zoom)
- PTSO Chairs - Christy needs to reach out first and then assign one point person from PTSO and School Council
- Create a 50th Anniversary Facebook page
- Three generation families - special to highlight

Parent Survey

Entry plan will survey parents

Ask for input as to what kinds of things to ask

1. What the strengths and successes
2. Priority areas of growth
3. Most important traditions

Nancy - coffees with parents, somehow to ask if they need a response following survey

Justin - putting emphasis on it, have in back of mind and then more likely to complete if we hype it up

Tara - disconnection coming from COVID and parents not being in the building at all, maybe as we are able to bring more parents in the bond may naturally increase? As vaccinations increase, more parents able to come in, help with feelings of disconnect, parent feedback on how to create more opportunities / traditions

Christy - third school year of impact of pandemic, moving through but then recognize how long it has been since visiting school, miss parent presence, hard not to have face-to-face contact, so unusual to be in this position and don't know families, grieving and missing and creating tension, idea of including ways to ask how people would want to be involved

Marni - told instead of asked during this period, strong feeling among parents, don't feel we have much say in education, authority or agency in

Joe - sharing the results and discussion about them

Eden - ask for names of those who would like to be involved

Christy - plan to share in January (results of survey), impact on parents and teachers on impact of pandemic, demonstrate how collaborative I am and make sure that is understood moving forward

GOALS for next meeting:

- PTSO - Joe and Christy
- Astrid - Nancy
 - Google Doc - collecting contact information (alumni names)?
- Pick date at next meeting
- Review Parent Survey electronically