

Parent Guild (PG) Meeting
September 15, 2016 6:30PM
Middle School South Campus

I. Welcome- Rhonda Richter

II. Communications Lead- Joanne Roach, Angela Freeman

Getting the word out on PG events through flyers, Facebook, posters.

1. New this year: all classrooms have Facebook pages.
2. Parent Guild Events sheet was the culmination of organization and teamwork to build the PG fall events schedule with the school, and church. Copies went home with your child and in the school email letter. It is also posted on Facebook.
3. The bulletin board at the main entrance shows events for the current month
4. working on updating the website with PG events
5. PG pop-ups are casual events to foster community at local events. Some are geared for certain age levels; all are family friendly. Most are pushed through Facebook, because of their casual and 'pop-up' style, but feel free to invite other FCMA parents who are not on Facebook.
-Beach clean-up on Belle Isle, Detroit, September 17th is the first pop-up.

III. Community Building- Heather Bisson, Lisa Harden

Organize events that foster fellowship and community with FCMA families.

1. 1st big event is the Harvest Dance October 14th on FCMA campus: music, bake sale, hot dogs, entertainment
2. Potlucks are another community building event. Bring a dish to share. PG provides plates, cutlery.
-December 20th has not been confirmed for the first potluck.
-Working with Shannan, the music teacher, to showcase the music the children have been working on.

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IV. Classroom Liaison- Tamara Fobare

Liaisons are a vital link between communicating PG events to classroom families, while also helping lead teachers find classroom support from parents. This could take on many forms, like administering spelling tests, organizing classroom events, depending on the lead teacher's needs.

1. A couple room liaisons are already assigned. Will check in with teachers to see if they had volunteers at Curriculum Night.
2. Aim to have all liaisons placed by October 1st, with a short meeting to go through communication protocol.

V. Green School Committee- Andrea Jarvis

There are many facets of Green School Committee. Andrea is looking for like-minded team members to help with the many goals of the committee.

-Green Schools certification. Last year we earned Evergreen status. Points are earned through events, awareness lessons in the classrooms, recycling events, etc.

- Looking for a Recycling Coordinator to head up school recycling efforts.
- Also looking for Events Recycling Coordinator to head-up collections at school events.
- Electronics Recycling Coordinator
- New Recycling Initiatives Director- finding new recycling ideas for the school.
- Earth Day Coordinator- Coordinate events to promote Earth Day in April. Includes Rosie's park Clean-up, Fill-A-Truck, Electronics recycling.
- Native Garden Green-Thumb- to oversee maintenance of the Michigan Native Garden.

Andrea's email is fcmagreen@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

1. Recycling is an on-going effort to keep FCMA green. There is a Sign-up genius to keep the recycling cleared out on a weekly basis.

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2. Endangered Species – partner with Girls Scouts to educate school on endangered species sponsorship in February.
3. Bulletin board outside main office posts current projects.

VI. Fundraising- Janell Fassbender

Organize fundraisers to help support school needs. Money has been raised for Snug Play playground equipment, reference books for the classrooms, and new water fountains in the main building.

1. Fun Run 2016 is Friday, September 23rd at Rosie's Park. Traditionally it has been the biggest fundraiser for the school. There is an online link to send in money, or you can send in a check to the school. Share with your friends and family. There is a sign-up genius for volunteers, snack requests, cheerleaders.

Joanne needs a generator for her DJ station.

2. Fill-A-Truck Nov 1-3.

Collect used clothing and textiles to either be re-sold or recycled into carpet padding. School earns per pound donated.

3. Tastefest Nov. 18th

Proceeds will be evenly distributed to each classroom for classroom needs.

4. Box-tops. On-going throughout the year. Please cut out and return to your child's teacher.

5. School Supplies- Rachel Murray.

Aim to raise \$5/box, but could be more since better deals were found later in the season. Ideally would like more people to research the best prices.

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VII. Treasurer- Rhonda Richter

About \$4K in bank

More detailed breakdown will be discussed at October meeting.

VIII. Miscellaneous

1. Michelle mentioned an Amazon link, which allows users to link purchase points to raise money for the school.
2. Volunteer hours- recommend 20 hours per family. There is a log sheet in the office and on the school website.
3. Roslyn mentioned contacting the local C&G newspaper on school events to promote the school. She will contact them for Fill-A-Truck.

IX. Lead- Rhonda Richter

1. Looking for people fill PG positions.
 - o PG Lead
 - o Community Building
 - o Fundraising
 - o Treasurer
 - o Green School Committee

Most of these positions have a current Lead. We are looking for people to co-lead to help distribute the time involved for each focus.

2. Janell Fassbender voted in as Lead Fundraising Coordinator. (Lee Jacobsen was voted onto the School Board.)

3. Save the Date:

December 16th is the MS Variety Show.

Next PG meeting: Friday, October 14th in the Gym 8AM.

Questions?, Interested in helping out?

Please email Rhonda at rhondarichter1218@yahoo.com

She will forward your questions to the appropriate Lead.