

**10.03.2016**

**Hyde Park School General Board Meeting**

1. Read-a-thon

Folders are going home for the Read-a-thon, please set goals with your children. Dated to read are from October 7-21<sup>st</sup>. All money raised goes to the PTO to fund field trips etc.

2. Conferences

Conferences continue this week. We are bringing in lunch for the teachers.

3. Socials:

We still have some room left for parents to sign up to go to the socials. Money paid for tickets goes directly back to PTO.

4. Basket Ball Registration & Sports

We will have basketball for girls and boys but we are a little late getting it together. Practices will be held in the gym and at the World of Languages School. Last year we had a concession stand staffed by parents that brought in some money. We may ask each parent to volunteer one hour during the games to sell concessions. We also need help with the scoreboard. It's easy to learn. We will use Sign up Genius for Concessions and Scoreboard.

In the spring we will have Baseball (K-2), Soccer, and possibly Volleyball & Lacrosse. \*There is a Lacrosse league forming at Walnut Hills for younger CPS kids. JD will look into this league.

5. Book fair

Our partner for Book fair this year is Joseph Beth. We will have vouchers for parents to use at the actual bookstore in case they can't make it to the book fair.

6. Spirit Wear

We are hoping to have merchandise available online so parents and students can order spirit wear all year long instead of just twice a year. We are exploring more cost effective vendors.

7. Fundraising

The influx of new children attending Hyde Park School has increased our fundraising needs. We need to raise enough money for our general budget plus things such as a new playground. Playground is \$40k so hopefully we will have some money from fundraising go towards this. CPS does not cover anything other than desks and chairs. We need to fill in the gaps.

Lots of fundraising dollars goes towards field trips. We may need to take away field trips or re-organize the way we do it if we cannot fundraise for them.

Our annual fund drive to kick off the year is usually thousands of dollars, this year it was under \$200. We need to fundraise out in the community, not just with the parents.

#### 8. Support, Ms. Amat

The sense of urgency for our school to be successful is not present like it used to be when we first started. However, we are still a new school and need the support we used to have. We need to communicate to the parents the needs of the school. We need to have more parents involved and volunteers. Since the school is growing, we need more volunteers than ever. We don't want to have the kids sell things such as wrapping paper and cookie dough.

#### 9. Expansion

Third graders are crossing the street to go to their classroom and it is going well, safety wise. The children are handling it very well. We have a three-year lease across the street for extra classrooms.

We have a board handling the fundraising for the expansion working with CPS. We need six million dollars for the expansion. We could expand into the basketball area to add nine more classrooms. This would be perfect for our current school size. If Oakley grows a lot then we may need even more space.

#### 10. Diversity:

The third grade class is the most diverse CGA class yet. This is because of the lottery. The lottery system is detailed in the Principal's newsletter and is on the CPS website. The lottery is open for two months. This year we have Latin and electives for all of the students, not just CGA.