

Leschi PTA Community Meeting 9/21/2022

- Welcome, Land and Redlining Acknowledgement **Ricole and Dana**
 - Dana welcomed people to the meeting (6:41pm)
 - Dana introduced herself – co-Secretary, son Julian in 3rd Grade
 - Ricole introduced herself – co-VP, son Roman is in 4th grade
 - Ricole gave land acknowledgment
 - Dana gave redlining acknowledgment
 - Community Agreements
 - Be mindful that everyone here is in service of school community and collective good. Stay curious and stay in relationship. Ask questions.
 - Be mindful of power dynamics. Racial bias is part of these spaces, be mindful we are making space for people of color to participate in the meeting.

- Introductions - Small groups - **Alexi**
 - Name, students name & grade, 1 thing that you hope to learn more about or get involved in.

- Short Overview of PTA values/priorities and activities - **Carley**
 - Values
 - Health safety and education of all kids
 - Confronting and dismantling systemic racism
 - Welcome all voices regardless of official membership, or can engage folks individually and represent those voices
 - PTA Opportunities and Activities - Three big categories
 - School and staff support
 - i..e funding school supplies, buying treats, field trips, organizing volunteers
 - Family support
 - Working with family support staff (previously Mr. Donaldson, now Ms. Miller)
 - Collecting food and distributing, especially during breaks
 - Thanksgiving meals
 - Giving garland
 - Scholarships for enrichment activities
 - Building community
 - Spirit wear
 - Signs

- Events
 - Dance
 - Jog-a-thon
- First event will be soon, **Fall Festival with Taste of Leschi**
 - Families can bring food to share and there will be fall-themed activities.
 - October 6, 4-7pm
 - **Looking for volunteers**
- Lots of ways to get involved, will have stations later for people to sign up
- Vote on PTA rules **Erin P**
 - Erin P presented the votes we need to do in the general meeting
 - Budget amendment: \$5,000 that PTA had budgeted to support 5th grade camp is no longer needed because Principal Liu got a grant to cover those costs. Proposal is to add the \$5,000 to the school supplement budget to provide more money for tutors (based on need identified by Principal Liu).
 - Motion to increase school supplement to \$30,000 (from \$25,000)
 - Passed unanimously
 - Motion to adopt the [Standing Leschi PTA rules](#)
 - Passed unanimously.
- Principal Liu presentation and Q&A [Community meeting slides - 9-21-22.pdf](#)
 - Has been a relatively smooth start to the school year
 - Apologies for transportation difficulties. Hopefully that will get figured out very soon.
 - A lot of deeper collaboration anticipated as a staff this year
 - A lot of new staff and will send out a slideshow of staff teams so families can get to know folks
 - Snack will now be scheduling snack time in the classroom, teachers will be asking for donations (nut-free and gelatin-free)
 - Arrival and dismissal: families can continue to be on the playground during those times to continue to assist in transition
 - Waitlists available for some after-school care. Central Area Youth Association and Holgate Street Church of Christ have openings. Transportation is available (van)
 - Can sign up at school
 - Curriculum night Thursday October 13 from 6-7pm, in-person event
 - Evening before scheduled in-service day
 - Classroom presentation 6-6:30pm
 - 10 minutes for families to move to lunchroom
 - Then 6:40 Mr. Liu will present schoolwide expectations

- Will look into childcare options, but kids not expected to attend
 - Question about how it will work if families have 2 or more kids in different classes
 - Mr. Liu will get back to us on that
- Schoolwide Expectations
 - Teachers will be teaching lessons on schoolwide expectations
 - Posters will be put up throughout school
 - Quiet coyote (or silent slug) will be the schoolwide quiet signal
 - Schoolwide assemblies for students on Monday the 26th
 - Question: will this also include expectations on how adults will treat students?
 - Yes, we will have adult expectations based on “Tier 1” (formerly PBIS)
- Mr. Liu shared some poster examples
- Questions/interest in lunchroom expectations
 - A lot of challenges and shifting expectations last year due to COVID.
 - Not showing movies, now able to speak (voice level 2 – normal speaking voice).
 - Staff is there encouraging kids to eat
- Voice level chart, voice level expectations in different scenarios from 0 to 4
 - 0 = silent; 1 = whisper; 2 = normal speaking; 3 = loud, presentation voice; 4 = shouting
- Bringing back Pup Pride tickets – given out to students who are following expectations.
 - Ticket drawings will take place in assemblies and include a non-food prize
 - Classes can also earn awards for expected hallway behavior and lunchroom behavior
- Open positions at the school
 - Math tutor (3-4 hours per day)
 - Preschool hourly support (3.5 hours per day)
 - Recess supervisor and literacy tutor (3.5 hours per day)
 - Kitchen Manager (6 hours per day)
 - Ms. Shelley retiring at the end of the month
 - Carley: should do staff appreciation for her!
- Questions
 - Ask to demonstrate the silent slug
 - Can parents come to lunch? Used to be allowed before pandemic

- Mr. Liu will find out if there are restrictions around that. Generally going back to pre-pandemic rules and partnerships.
 - For example, will resume partnership between 3rd grade students and dance chance, also math tutoring
 - What dates are the 5th grade camp?
 - Can't remember now, but it's not during mid-winter break.
 - Thinking about possibly having school during mid-winter break during part of the week instead of going into July.
 - For the expectations, are there special considerations for those who are not able to meet all those expectations
 - Yes, expectations
 - For snack, should parents give just their kids a snack, or for everyone?
 - It's flexible, you can pack just for your kid, but teachers will have snack for everyone.
 - Is there still an after school partnership for Elementary Instrumental Music?
 - It's a SPS program. Starting in October, instrumental instruction will happen on Monday mornings for upper grades.
 - Will also have a partnership with Seattle Jazz Ed. Looking into that for all students since we don't have a separate Music class.
 - What happened to the music class time that was previously allotted? What is that time used for?
 - More P.E. and Art. Every class has 2 Art and 2 P.E. classes per week, and each class is 40 minutes long.
 - Are you looking for volunteers for field trips? Yes!
 - Teachers will be talking more about that during curriculum night. Can also go to SPS website to apply to be a volunteer.
- Stations: Separated into stations, people can visit and learn more about different opportunities, sign up to receive emails about them throughout the year (but not binding you to do anything)
 - Station 1: Dana/Alicia - Family Support/giving garland/backpacks
 - Station 2: Kevin/Jasmine - Advocacy
 - Station 3: Erin C/Kristin/Alexi - Events, yearbook and enrichment, Taste of Leschi most urgently
 - Station 4: Benson/Andrea- PTA membership, positions, boards, etc
 - Station 5: Benson/Erin- fundraising (annual fund) and finance
 - Station 6: Erin H/Carley- teacher appreciation, communications and building support
 - Heather/Ricole- Spirit wear

- Closing and reminders **Andrea**
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.