

MINUTES

UME Prep PAC Minutes

In attendance

Rachel Simmons, Jen Freeman, Laci Pool, Sarah Milem, April Snook, Tim Foxsmith, Kristyl Burkey, Denise McConnell, Shelley Baldwin, Mike Spurlock

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the March meeting and approved, which a typo correction to the adjournment time from 8.45pm to 1.45pm. .

Fundraising Updates

- The much discussed car stickers were not purchased yet due to another confusion with the Athletic Booster Club. Jen will purchase in the coming week, all are agreed.
- The golf tournament was a success, lots of good feedback about the networking and how enjoyable it was. Possibly next year we should look at holding it on a non-standard school holiday (bad weather make up day) to increase the opportunity for teachers and faculty to participate.
- The Uniform Resale Shop will have a collection before the end of the school year, likely the first week of May. The Resale Shop will be held at the end of the summer, ideally during school supply pick-up.
- Speaking of School Supplies - Laci has been working with Kayla and the K-6 teachers. We have a signed contract with EPI, and school supply lists in hand from the K-8 teachers. We will be streamlining the system for 2-6, everyone will be going to a (1) 3in binder system in those grades. For any specifically requested folders in grades 2-6, these will be classroom use only. ALL grades will be required to purchase a UME branded plastic non-braded folder, one per child, to replace the multiple folders in place currently, and all pertinent school papers will come home in these branded folders. EPI will provide flyers, posters, yard signs, and stickers to promote and market, all free of charge. Sales will begin May 1st, sales will be through the EPI website only. The profits are going to be for the PAC treasury. Our costs are between \$30-67 per package depending on the grade. We can charge whatever we want for each package and pocket the difference. Laci suggested that we upcharge each one between \$3-5 dollars. Denise suggested that we let Laci set the upcharge per grade level, with nothing over \$70 and a minimum upcharge of \$3 but possibly more than that. Order deadline is June 25, and this is not an option for the new campus. The supplies will arrive August 8th, 1 week before open house. In grades K-4, the supply box will be on each child's desk for the parent to pick up during open house. For 5-8, the pick up will likely be in the cafeteria. For the branded folders, we will charge \$1 each and sell all year, but have displayed for purchase at open house. Sarah suggested that we simply add an upcharge to the boxes and include the folders for any child that buys supplies, and then sell additional folders to those families who don't buy supply boxes. If that is to happen, we need to decide by May 1st.
- It was suggested that we do a scholastic bookfair, while not likely for this year it is definitely something to look at for next year.

Treasury/Accounting Updates

Sarah has a scheduled meeting with Leticia on Thursday, she will be sending a full Treasury Report after that.

Parent Equipping Update

- Parent University: There was a lot of interest in the academic sessions, particularly for the older grades. Mr. Tweedy's college prep session in particular was very popular. There was a lot of good feedback on the childcare provided.

The goal for next year is to increase awareness and attendance. All those who attended loved it, but many seemed to miss the communications home about the event.

- **Parent Equipping Meeting** - There was meeting to discuss how to improve what we have available for our parents as far as things like the Snack-n-Chats, including ways to increase time for networking and making connections. It was discussed about how to make it more accessible and create more awareness. It may be possible to build training sessions like the ones at Parent U into the Snack and Chats, or to include things like student tutoring during events outside school hours like Parent U. It may also be something to discuss restructuring Snack and Chats, changing times or something else to be more inclusive of the working parents.
- The next **Snack And Chat** is April 21st, during the volunteer luncheon. It's possible that we will morph it into a end of year social/party type situation. This year applications will be taken through the website (Thank you Jesus), and it is planned to have laptops open and running to allow people to submit applications for next year during this event.

Town Hall Update

The **Elementary Town Hall** is scheduled for Thursday the 7th at 6pm, and the **Secondary Town Hall** is April 28th at 6pm.

Denise and Sarah have the townhall questions, they need to go to Rachel and to the faculty immediately to allow the faculty time to prepare. The PAC is behind on the questions, they should have been turned in last week.

The discussion turned to the amount of possible censorship during the editing of the town hall questions. It was agreed that the questions to need to be reviewed prior and that going to straight open questioning is not effective, as it allows for repetitive questioning and doesn't allow the faculty any time to do any possible research that may be needed for the correct answers. However, there is expressed concern that the questions are being tempered down too much to protect faculty and staff feelings or to prevent conflict and in doing so we are effectively muting our parents voices. It was agreed that there needs to be mutual respect on both sides of the table, and that we need to aim for a spousal type relationship between the parents and faculty in order to have a productive and honest communication line. We will revisit the possibilities of open forums in the fall.

Student Life/Grade Rep Updates

- For the **high school prom**, Celeste Pulis is in charge of that and has it handled, April is going to work with her on what needs she may have. April's goal is to let this year's already planned events go as scheduled and start taking an active role in planning for next year. There was expressed concern about the way the student council and high school views parents groups and the PAC, we need to work on how to promote inclusivity in this.
- It was suggested that something like a **Family Social** would be a great idea, something like a family movie night in the cube. April offered that she may be able to supply AV equipment for a movie night, and we could use it as a fundraiser event selling popcorn/sno cones/candy.
- **End of year parties** are scheduled and on the school calendar.

Faculty Team Update

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 16-20 and this week will be a almost retro Summer theme. The plan is give out gift cards to places like Steak-n-Shake, In-n-Out Burger, and Red Robin. To cover expenses, there may be financially assistance requested of the PAC, as we cannot ask parents to donate cash legally. The estimated costs for the whole week is \$2000. Mr. Spurlock suggested possibly having the teachers participate more actively by having them have a 50s dress up contest during the week, it may be fun for them to have a silly dress day.

School Board Update

The Board will be acknowledging the hard work and efforts of the Robotics parents who went above and beyond in supporting FTC team who made it to Super Regionals.

The next board meeting is April 19th at 6pm.

PAC Staffing Update

We currently do not have anyone filling the role of contacting newly admitted families, that is something we need to look at getting covered again.

The following PAC members have expressed intent to return in their current roles: Jen as secretary, Sarah as treasurer, and Rachel as chair.

We are in need of a vice chair, the following members are the eligible choices: Kristyl, Brandy, and Laci.

There are two new applications for PAC members: Cynthia Moore for the academic rep and Meoshi Jeffery for the athletic spot. There was concerns expressed that they are mother and daughter, and the possible complications. It was decided we would consider and vote at the next meeting.

Retreat Topic Requests

- April Requests - How can we reformat the PAC to perform more as a liaison between the parents and the school. Should the PAC be operating more in a 'parent' type role with the other groups within the school being 'child' groups to the PAC, looking to us for guidance and information? There is expressed concern over the unity of the parent groups within the school, and how we can join together to make the school as strong as possible.
- Kristyl Requests - Why is Athletics getting Spirit Store sales? Can this be shared amongst other groups? Mr. Spurlock did interject here to state that arrangement has not been officially approved as of yet.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 630pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.