

ISL JP PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Meeting called to order @6:10 pm by PTO president Wendy Wiltz

Introductions: PTO officers. Wendy Wiltz-Thompson, President; Vivienne Bishop, Vice President; Tara Rosenkranz, Correspondence Secretary (absent due to illness); Ashley Mahner, Recording Secretary; Martha Pena, Family Liaison

Wendy Wiltz-Thompson:

- PTO Steering Committee meetings are held monthly, and are open to the public. Please email Ms. Martha if interested in attending, for us to get a headcount.
- Facebook page- intent is for parents to have a safe place to get quick answers to questions, find accurate information, and positive support. If you have concerns or issues with your child, a policy or procedure, please contact Mrs. A at ladelmancannon@isl-edu.org

Principal Laura Adelman-Cannon:

- She makes it a point to answer all emails and return all phone calls from parents, just not during the school day.
- Would like a parent volunteer to staff the gates during PTO meetings so that people can park on school property. Volunteer position was filled.
- Back to school week-part of ISL tradition at other campuses. Parents get to see how their child's day goes, and get to see immersion in action.
- School move-no location secured currently. Mrs. A will share that information with us as soon as she has it.
- Playground equipment-funds must be used to purchase playground equipment. We do not want to buy the equipment before we have a location secured, since we would not be able to take it with us to a new school.
- Middle school-intention is for ISL-JP to be a K-8 school. The number of students this year would have only been able to provide one teacher for grades 6,7, and 8. The parents of the students chose to go to Mid-City this year. As lower grades move up, there should be enough students to have middle school at our campus.
- Life of charter-we are coming up for a five-year renewal soon. Typically, a building is leased for the life of the charter when securing a location.
- Carpool-afternoon carpool seems to be running smoothly. Please hang car tags in the window when parking on or around campus. Ms. Martha can provide these if you do not have them. If there is a change to your child's usual afternoon procedure (i.e. student usually takes the bus, but they are going to be carpool instead) please email child's teacher before noon and cc Ms. Martha.

Melissa Boudreaux (Food Services):

- Breakfast is now being served in the classrooms. Breakfast follows USDA guidelines. It is students' choice if they want to receive breakfast. There is a cost for breakfast, and it can be paid for on My School Bucks.

Wendy Wiltz Thompson:

- Gala Teacher Ticket Initiative-goal was \$2,450 and as of tonight our total is \$2,777. The extra funds will go to new staff members' tickets. Back to School Skate night raised \$475 and Dress Up Day raised 497.
- Deadline to buy Gala tickets is 9/22/16.
- You will be able to bid on the auction items at the Gala via mobile.

Vice President Vivienne Bishop:

- Room parent committee chair is Wendy Welch. There are still a few classes that need room parents.
- Robin Curley is chair for Box Tops. Please cut and paste box tops to sheet that can be found on the website to make this project easier.
- Yearbook-please share any photos that you would like considered to be included in the yearbook to the ISL Bunche PTO Facebook page.
- We need a volunteer to chair the Carpool Crew committee. Volunteer position is filled.
- We will have a World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser after fall break. We will need 4-6 volunteers.
- Grandparents' Day is November 16th. We need a volunteer for a chairperson. Volunteer position filled.
- We have several after school activities now, including Chess Club, Drama Club, Martial Arts, KinderMotion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run needs a new chairperson. Chairperson volunteer position is now filled.

Wendy Wiltz-Thompson

- Basket Raffle to benefit Gala Teacher Ticket Initiative. Winner Cheri Cruz
- Thank you to everyone who donated refreshments.
- Thank you to all who attended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm