



PTF Breakfast Meeting

November 13, 2018

Seasonal Crafting. Tini explained the background of Seasonal crafting program. Doris presented some of her items including new small gift ideas. Products are in production now, orders are being taken. She is in great need of volunteers – those interested can contact Doris directly to arrange a time. Times can be during the school day or sometimes after school. The new lavender sachets are available for sale at the meeting – they are awesome houser gifts!

READ SCOOPS!!

Halloween: results were presented. There were just under 900 people in attendance at this year's event. There were 75 volunteers (and we could have used a few more) – 35 of those were students. The financials are still being tabulated. We are estimating around 7000 euros. Question from the members – what was the feedback on having the event on the actual holiday of Halloween? Tini answered that it seemed to be more positive to be held on Halloween. Next year Halloween is on a Thursday so it can work out the same way.

Fine Arts Boosters. Cathy described what FAB is and does. She relayed information from Liz Sloat, the coordinator for FAB, the upcoming HS play FAB needs: sandwiches for the performers, providers of food and volunteers to man the table. Those interested can contact Cathy at the meeting for contact Liz directly.

Breakfast Meeting Country hosts: Thank you to Brazil families for hosting this month's breakfast! Delicious! December meeting will be a holiday cookie exchange. You bring a dozen or two of your favorite cookies (and copies of the recipe) and an empty container. You fill your container with samples from the cookies brought by the group. YUMMY! We are in need of a country host for January meeting - Canada volunteered! Thank you, Canada!

BINGO. This event will be February 9. Tini described how the event is run. Volunteers will be needed. The age groups who are invited was discussed. It will continue to be offered to ES and as was the case last year, MS will be included. Space is limited – and it is assumed that only a limited number of participants from MW would attend. Most of the prizes are geared to ES.

IFF is coming! This year's IFF event will be the final event of the weekend celebrating the school's 60th anniversary. It will need to be stepped up. There will be events for alumni through the weekend. An option to have the event outside on the soccer field is being floated. Volunteers: it is crucial now to reach out to country coordinators to get them on board and think about making their booth bigger and better, and getting their volunteers now. Tini mentioned that the PTF will give each country table 400euros this year.

Out and About. December 4 excursion is a new one – Bratislava. On the agenda so far are a castle visit, lunch and Christmas markets.

Tini opened the meeting then to anything the members may want to ask or talk about:

How is the best way to contact members for info or volunteers? After a brief discussion, it seems that Scoops is the best way to get information out, but for serious volunteer needs, an email may work best.

Personal information in the Parent Portal is still very incomplete. It seems this year, the problem will not be entirely fixed. It will be for next year, through the enrollment process. It is best to reach parents through the school offices.

Advise continue passing the word still about parents checking their portal preferences and make sure they are set to be visible. Joe Eisen offered to follow up with Administration on this issue.

Are we involving HS students in volunteer options at school? Yes, these students are volunteering for some events. However, the CAS program volunteer hours requirements are probably being fulfilled in other ways. The students were not approached for this year UN Day – they do not have reliable time during the school day to break away. The MUN group will be invited to participate next year – this seems a better fit.

Is the Food Policy being followed at the school? There have been new offerings of sugar beverages offered for sale of younger students recently. The PTF is not directly involved in the food selections and policing the policy so a clear answer is not available. The discussion further continued regarding the food quality, how to limit your own child's access to what you consider healthy and nonhealthy, advising parents to have lunch in the cafeteria to check on the food.