Ed Team Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 4th, 2021

High Peaks Elementary, Outdoor Area

3:10pm - 4:10pm

In attendance: Chris Basten, Wendy Brown, Ruby Childs, Lynn Dolph, Zachary Fink, Samantha Gribsby, Lauren Harmon, Vanessa Hetzel, Mary Sznewaja and Adrienne Williams-McCleskey.

New Business

● Giving Tree Total

Samantha reported that the total raised was $60k which was well over our goal, yay! Winning classes with the most participation will soon be having their pizza party celebrations.

● Blue Ribbon Assembly

Chris said the current plan is to have the assembly next Wednesday (Nov. 10). He would like to have the assembly outside but it is tough to do audio visual equipment outside. So, the assembly may be a combo of inside and outside time. All 3 principals, present and past two, were invited to attend and may be there. Special pencils are ordered for the students and Samantha said she will bundle them up by class for the teachers to distribute.

● Teacher Holiday Gathering

Adrienne reported that Beth James is hosting the teacher’s holiday gathering at her house. Adrienne asked the Ed Team for funding to purchase food for the party. In the past, Ed Team provided money for this event but neither the Ed Team nor the teachers recall how much money was provided in the past. All staff and their spouses are invited to the party. Adrienne will communicate with Mary and the Ed Team will provide some amount of funding for the event.

Sam pointed out that the Ed Team should do something for the lunchroom staff and janitors around the holidays too.

● Yearbook (Have Teachers Decided What Platform They Will Use?)

Mary and Wendy once again mentioned that they are struggling to get pictures of kids for the yearbook. Parents and Ed Team are not allowed on campus, making it hard to get pictures. They asked teachers to please take photos and share a link with them. Lauren said she has her pics in a Google photo file. Wendy and Mary asked if Lauren could show the other teachers how to organize their photos this way too. The yearbook needs to be completed before the end of the calendar year. Mary and Wendy are hoping to get photos ASAP. Chris said the topic was raised at a recent teacher meeting and he will discuss it again at a teacher meeting soon.

● Chipotle Fundraiser Wednesday November 17

Ruby wants to get the word out about the fundraiser because High Peaks must get to $150 in order to receive any money from the event. Last time, this minimum amount was not met. Ed Team members noted that info on the fundraiser is listed at the end of the newsletter so many people may miss seeing it. Ruby asked if teachers could talk the event up in class. She asked if Dory could list the event near the beginning of the newsletter and if Dory could send out a text announcement that morning to parents. Chris is going to see if Dory can do this. Ruby also mentioned that there is a special code that must be used at Chipotle in order for High Peaks to get credit for the food purchase and receive funding.

● Spirit Wear, Back to School Supplies (Update)

Vanessa looked at other school websites within BVSD to see what companies other schools use for spirit wear and what items they sell. She met with someone local that provides spirit wear for Platt Middle School. He can order items but cannot help us polish up our logo. High Peaks logo is nice (paw print with mountains) but the name of the school doesn’t feature well in the logo. Samantha said she thinks Taylor (who ordered the last tee shirts for High Peaks) can help us with the logo and with ordering spirit wear. Vanessa will contact Taylor. Vanessa asked what the school mascot is – mountain lion – and what the school colors are - green and silver (or white).

Vanessa said most elementary schools ask parents to pay for school supplies in RevTrak. Ed Team teachers said they’d rather continue to use the school supply company we’ve used in the past. Wendy said High Peaks needs a liaison for the company and Vanessa said she would do that.

● Teacher Updates/Requests

Wendy asked if the teachers needed any help with anything? The Ed Team discussed things done around the holidays in the past for teachers/staff and new ideas. Lauren mentioned a coffee cart in the past. They said it was fun last year when Jeannie called their name and they got to go to the office to pick a gift card. Ed Team discussed doing a wine pull. Lauren said if we want to support a local business to check out Bootleg Betty, which was started by a student’s family.

3. Old Business

● Teacher Conference Meals (Feedback)

The teachers said the conference meals were short on food. Ed Team will plan to get more next time (spring). Meals came from The Taj and Flower Child.

● Teacher Breakfasts (Feedback)

Adrienne thanked the Ed Team for the breakfast provided on late start Wednesday. The Ed Team asked for feedback on the amounts of food so they will know how much to order next time. The teachers said all the bagels were gone, they loved the fruit, there were a few yogurts left (all lime, ha ha!) and next time, one coffee box is probably plenty.

Budget Update

Mary said due to the amount raised from Giving Tree, we are in a good position. She said we can do more for the Fun Run. Zach mentioned that recently the school made a video for Open Enrollment and many kids said in the video that the Fun Run was their favorite event at school. Ed Team talked about how the kids were okay without the little toy rewards for the Fun Run last year. These toys often just end up in the trash. They said the toys can cause too much competition between the kids.

5. Principal’s Report

Chris said staffing continues to be very hard. For example, recently two teachers’ daycare fell through and they had to stay home.

He said that there is a case of Covid at High Peaks right now. Procedure is to give all the info they have to the district nurses who then let them know what to do. In this case, courtesy notifications were sent to parents but no one was required to quarantine. Chris said he likes to let teachers know in person about cases.

The first open enrollment event is tomorrow (Nov. 5) online. A fun new video was created for this (as Zach previously mentioned). On Dec. 8, the school will be allowed to have an in-person open enrollment event at 6pm!

The meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, December 2nd, 2021