PA Meeting Minutes 2.10.26
Kemper Science and Engineering

Called to order 8:38 (tech delays!)

Attending in Person - Ashley Doolos, Erin Currie, Lauren Givan, Julia Sertich, Sarah Lee, Nathan DeLong, Linda Kozler, Chaz Gatian, Julie Huck, Kate Dake, Taryn McPherson, Kim Ding, Rachel Forthofer, Anca Obid, Niyati Sheth

Attending via Zoom- Liz Teagno, Laura Vrabel

1. Welcome - Called to order 8:38 (tech delays!)
2. Approval of January meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Kim, Second Erin. Unanimous approval.
3. Review of Financials - Rachel

   January was pretty quiet, $24 deposit was for Jr K holiday craft workshop. We got money from RaiseRight gift cards in January ($187)

   Pizza has not been invoiced since November, but we have estimated futures in the budget.

   Upper School still needs their Mum amount from fall. We will combine it with the spring flower sale amount and do one transfer

4. Upcoming PA specific events - Ashley Doolos

   - February conference lunch Thursday 2/26 - provided by PA. Brittney Alegant to organize food. SUG went out last week with a couple slots left. Thanks to everyone who has signed up!
   - Spring flower sale: online sale runs 3/4-3/18. Delivery day 4/29. Plan for catalogs to go home during the week of conferences. Be on the lookout for SUG for delivery day.
   - Middle school dance sponsored by PA: 4/10. 1st planning meeting following PA meeting today in Dake Advancement Center.. Contact Julie Huck if you are interested in helping but can't attend the meeting.

- Teacher appreciation – 1st planning meeting, Tuesday 2/24 @ 8:30 am. Location TBD. Budget is $2000 (less than what we had last year). Talks last year that it was great but we can cut back from what we did last year. Linda said everyone liked the lunch and snacks, but it was a lot. "They get embarrassed by the barrage of love" Maybe do snacks a couple days not every day. Amazon wishlists are much appreciated- will have division coordinators reach out to Chairs about amazon lists to get things moving.

- FunDrive: collection dates 4/6-4/10 at DAC garage. Truck loading on Friday 4/10. Be on the lookout for the SUG for volunteer opportunities.

-Move Up Picnic in LS is on track. Thursday May 28th. Jr K will be involved this year. Regan may adjust lunch schedule for cooking purposes. Volunteer shifts will be on SUG.

-Senior Lunch is on calendar for 5/27; details are TBD. Kate and Ashley and Nyree are in process of figuring out what the event will be. Last month is very busy for seniors so we are deciding why the PA event exists and how to best celebrate them. If add'l help is needed, Ashley and team will reach out.

5. 2026-2027 Executive Board slate

- Open positions: President, Vice President, Secretary

- Nominating committee: Led by Kate Dake (past president). Requires 4 PA members at large. If interested, contact Kate. This slate is presented at the March meeting,. Voting occurs at the April meeting. KATE needs a couple more people on the committee. Low pressure but very important! Kate mentioned the possibility of co-presidents or even a President and VP that work closely, since VP does not have specific roles, it's easy to share some typically President roles with that person. Even if you don't want to be on committee you can share names or ideas with Kate.

6. Other open chair positions – please refer to the February monthly PA email with a list of all positions.

7. Division coordinator updates

Lower School - Erin. Fourth grade reenactment is in spring, 4th grade grade parents may need add'l help because they're new. On Erin's

radar. REMINDER– Be on alert for allergies in your grades. Will probably be included on SUG for classroom events to make sure everyone is aware. Email should be primary form of communication (not just facebook) End of February will have more camp details. LS Concert coming up, K-2 and 3-5 are back to back so be aware that there will be a transition period. Royals Resources folks have signs up in LS so teachers know they are available to help. If interested in joining that team, let Erin know. Thinking of a way to celebrate 5th graders who have been at LRA since kdg and including teachers who were here that whole time too. Hoping to do this in coming years as well. Would be during school time, 9-12 kids total, plus 8 teachers. Possibly an April event. Budget TBD since it's new. Rachel says we have about $1200 unassigned right now.

VOTE - Kate will motion $500 of budget to lower school lifer luncheon. Anca Second. Unanimously approved.

Middle School - Julie - Dance coming up! Stay after this meeting if interested in joining. Food for musical in May, will need help with that. Also investigating the pizza issue in MS (kids don't like that the pieces are small)

Upper School - Nyree not here, Kate pinch hitting. Mock Trial and Robotics are doing very well. Theater performance is coming up, will have an I See Stars Party in March for musical "Between the Lines" would be good for LS kids. Cuba trip later this month. [its in February, not over spring break] Linda notes that they are taking empty suitcases to donate items to locals. Email will be coming to families listing items to donate– clothing and sports items, for example. Part of Global Adventures program in US. Language immersive element but also option for non-spanish speakers. Will be a 4 year rotation. 1 year Spanish, 1 year will be French (again with 2 language options). Educational trip, not tourism focused. Classroom element on campus to prepare for trip. Upon return, will prepare a project to present to entire US. Next year is Greece and Turkey with focus on ancient math and art. Following year will be French. Fourth year TBD.

8. Next meeting, March 10th @ 8:30am – location CRC, will confirm in email and facebook posts.

9. Questions, concerns, comments?

KATE notes that Saturday April 4 is ear marked for Bunny Hop. Niyati is co-chairing gala this year and is linking bunny hop to gala. Will be at Avon T-3. Egg hunt for kids, possible dodge ball tournament. 2 hour event in the morning. LRA specific right now, but may be able to bring guests. TBD. Trying to gather gift cards for gala, so we are asking for $25 gift card donation as entrance fee. Hoping we can use RaiseRight gift cards to make donations easier. More details to come in March.

Night at the Races is in April, will be on campus. Athletic based [typically draws MS and US parents] but open to all grades. $35 per person. Sponsorship opportunities available. Talk to Kate.

Remember to donate to the SGO! Redirect your state tax dollars to LRA. $750 individually or $1500 for couples filing jointly.

Adjourned at 9:38 am