Mesa Elementary School Board Meeting Notes
4-9-20, 3pm
Attendance: Delia Cook, Karli Gronholm, Susan Traube, Leah Winski, Kristen Reiss, Josh Baldner, Bridget Kelly

Budget/Kristen
- Asked Bridget if we can do more Community nights - Likely not and those that were scheduled needed to be canceled due to COVID
- Josh also said that he will tell teachers no more requests on their allotted $300 spend for the year, as we are coming up short with school closure & inability to host Fun Run (normally a $20,000 fundraiser for the school)

Current Communication Needs from PTO / Josh -
- Thank school and staff for support
- Submit company match if haven’t
- Share examples for Mrs Gregerson and Connie and other PTO paid support staff on their current contributions

Positions for Next Year’s PTO Board -
- Open spot for Communications Chair, all other positions volunteered to stay, if voted back in
- May vote using a Google Form or schedule a meeting to vote

District Allocation for Mesa for 2020-2021 from Josh -
- Josh said that district allocations should look similar to this past year. BVSD is typically a little stingy on Kindergarten, but shouldn’t be cutting any other funding
- BVSD is, as a district, anxiously awaiting to see what may change in state funding in late May. Will there be cuts? As with many things, things are tentative, based on state economy.
- Josh mentioned that Mesa will be hosting a new program for autistic children

Budget Planning for 2020-2021 -
- 65% of families participated in “It Matters at Mesa” Campaign
- Josh will provide Kristen a high, medium, low level expense for aides / tutors
- We can take into account an average give amount for this year, along with school size and percentage who gave this year to assess how much money we think will come in next year
- Leah to provide average donation amount to Kristen to create next year’s budget

Fundraising needs and thoughts for 2020-2021 -
- Should we ask for a higher Direct Ask amount?
- If we can’t do large gatherings, can we do a creative Fall Fest fundraiser that doesn’t involve a large gathering
- We could poll the Mesa community to see how families are feeling about contributing to the direct ask next year. Considering doing this in May 2020. No final decision made
- We could ask families to pay sooner, to cover some of the shortfall that we might see in the Fall
Shortfall for next payment from PTO to Mesa -
-We will use what is in the PTO account and pull from reserves to pay Mesa for tutor / aide costs

Mural Costs -
-A mural was voted on in 2018 and $1,000 is set aside for the costs
-Revisited this topic and whether we should proceed with payment
-Susan will discuss mural project with Dennis and determine how to proceed

Matters at Mesa Update -
-65% participation noted by Leah Winski
-Will we need to reach out to Mesa parents earlier to cover shortfalls from this year? How do we get ahead of this for the coming school year?
-We don't want to have more messaging to those who did not contribute this year, due to the stress that COVID is causing our community
-Perhaps next year we stress more the ability to pay monthly through Cheddar Up, as it allows people to budget for it better (and is easy to set up through Cheddar Up)

End of Year Teacher Collection -
-PTO voted to cancel end of year teacher collection
-Karli will take the next step to craft a communication for room parents. Karli will circle back to PTO Board for approval before it is sent to room parents

Fun Run -
-Thinking early 2021 instead of Fall 2020. There is too much going on in the Fall.
-Could replace Jump Rope for Heart for one year?
-Delia to connect with Michelle K and think through plans
-Kristen mentioned we might all need to start thinking about ways to virtually fundraise, if needed for next year

Meeting adjourned 4:25