

**Attendees:** Chris Knudson, Tamara Knudson, Erika Wald, Debra Dewitt, Madilyn Hutchinson, Yuri Morozov, Shawna Nicholson, Danielle Schilbe, Francell Daubert, Glenda Kohls, Steve Wright, Craig Numata, Laura Casey, Jennifer Alexander

**Guest:** Cindy McMahon (Principal of The Community School)

**Principal’s Update (Debra):**

- Finished Odyssey plays – performed at least 6 times. Presentations after each play – recycling proposed by a couple of students.
- APEX Fun Run – March 14-25<sup>th</sup>
- Chorus club – March 10-June 2
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for signup
- Ava Sharifi former Odyssey student – offered to come visit with students about her speech – anti-bullying
- Next week building leadership team will begin to meet for end-of-year independent project presentations – (April/May)
- How to embed social and emotional learning standards into our everyday curriculum –
  - currently no standards in Washington for social/emotional/inter-intrapersonal skills – possible advisory that could meet during the school day.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Camp Chaperone Informational meeting for camp
  - If you cannot attend the meeting, you can contact Ms. Masteller/Ms. Bargman and get application
- National Jr. Honor Society – Application for next year’s honor society is due April 1<sup>st</sup> to Ms. Kohls
- Lego Robotics – will be offered in spring (non-competitive)
- Camp funding – school to pay for camp planning and teacher stipends - extracurricular budget just came out, and further investigation identified about \$9,000 that would pay for teacher stipends – not funded by PTG.

**The Community School (Cindy McMahon):**

- Choice school for High School in Spokane
- New Tech Network school – 160 schools –
- 3 commonalities
  - Technology support (Echo- online) – every student
  - Project-based
  - Culture of trust/respect/responsibility
- Application process – Big Picture Network and New Tech Network –
- Habits of heart – no fights at school, family-like environment
- Habits of health – raise fresh produce, cook from scratch, stress management, healthy relationships

- First part of the day is spent on collaborative projects
  - Integrated subjects/projects – team projects/presentations with individual exhibitions at the end of the semester – oral communication is key
  - Rubrics and targets
  - Elective periods before and after lunch
  - 7 teachers at the Community School
  - Last part of the day – spent working on advisory (community experiences, college planning)
- Selection process – want diverse student body, independent learners, agency (students advocate for themselves), growth mindset
- all use T-2-4 process

### **Apex:**

- Craig Numata: concerned about APEX – school profit (only 40-60% goes to the school) – also concerned about how much time is spent in classes tallying up
  - Apex generates a lot of excitement with the kids, but he is concerned about the profit and the disruption – High pressure for the kids
- Steve compared Odyssey to Moran Prairie and is supportive that we are doing this fundraiser.
- Yuri – what is the formula that APEX uses to determine how much a school might make?
- Other fundraisers have similar returns (not usually more than 50% profit)
- Discussed need for specific objectives for funds raised
- Do we want to give a percentage (10%) to teachers for classroom support as a teacher incentive?
  - This year we are focused on community building
  - Danielle: let's see how much we can raise this year and could consider an additional incentive next year
  - Group consensus – unanimously opposed to monetary incentive for teachers this year.
  - Group suggested that an incentive (pizza or ice cream – type party) could be offered for top one or two classes.

### **Financials (Erika):**

- Camp line item will need to be revised - based on last year need approximately 20 scholarships
- (Office) No complaints from parents so far about increase to camp
- Erika working towards revising and reducing budget

### **Fundraisers:**

- **Bake Sale**
  - Made \$860.70 at the spring bake sale

**Other Business:**

- Madilyn Hutchinson — looking into physical education credit program through 49 Degrees North (over the summertime)
- Jeff Daniels is our new Communications Officer and has made several updates to the website including the calendar.
- Volunteer Needs: More discussion to come – next meeting
  - Need to fill open positions
- Next meeting scheduled for March 16th.
  - Add to agenda: 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion – Trish Ellingsen, Madilyn Hutchinson, Trulie, and ????