ICSAtlanta PTO Membership meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:15am at Carrey Hugoo’s house

Board members in attendance: Alix Nadi, PJ Bischoff, Sasha Carradine, Justin Mackey, Carrey Hugoo, Uli Ingram, Katharina Pramor, Tiparney Lane

Secretary (Alix) read meeting minutes from last meeting; minutes from last membership meeting on September 9, 2018 were approved.

President’s Report (PJ)

- Met with Michelle Neeley about upcoming projects
  - Planter Beautification: partner with Girl Scout; Lower Campus only
  - Kendra Scott fundraiser near Valentine’s Day (Feb 8, 2019) at Avalon
  - Dave & Busters fundraiser – Spirit Night (Jan 13, 2019 from 1-3pm); gift card sales, proceeds go back to school
  - Kaboom playground grant in partnership with school – families need to fill out survey that was emailed out from school
- Need to start thinking about dance for next school year and put together a dance committee
  - Opportunity to keep it in same location as before
  - Consider a separate UC and LC dance due to age differences
  - MUST have volunteers in order to pull it off
- All dates for next school year must be finalized by May 2019

Treasurer’s Report (Justin)

- $7500 in bank
- $2500 allocated for fence for outdoor playground
  - School still trying to finalize the vendor
  - School is providing furniture
- CFA fundraisers on track for projected numbers
- Remember to sign up with Kroger/Publix/Amazon Smile
- Dance Committee needs to create a draft budget before the end of the year
- Projected end-of-year budget: $5000-$10,000 depending on year spend
VP of Fundraising (Sasha)

- Next CFA spirit night is January 31
- PTO Membership helps us qualify for grants, need to get % up
  - Do better job getting this info out to all school families
  - Consider changing verbiage from “Join” to “Donate”
  - Create a school-wide directory that is only available to PTO members – helps encourage families to join
    - Messaging through room parents, carpool signage, FB, etc.
    - Have a booth for sign-ups & donations at upcoming Christmas Market – create SUG
    - Create a Membership Committee
- Consider a frozen yogurt spirit night at end of the year- have a school rep at each location

VP of Special Programs (Carrey)

- Asking for committee members/assistant this year who may want to transition into the position next year
- Responsibilities include: making Watch Dog schedule; organizing Teacher Appreciation lunch each month;
- Next TA: desserts from around the world on December 12

VP of Student Enrichment (Katharina)

- Six Flags reading program will be rolled out before holiday break, lasts until March – students will get free tickets in July
- Set up supply baskets for teachers in all their restrooms before Thanksgiving break
  - Consider asking parents to donate supplies to this
  - Hotel toiletries? Trial sizes?
  - Need a coordinator or committee leader for this

VP of Community Relations (Tip)

- Working on getting the website back up and running ASAP
PTO donated gift cards to each teacher who is recently engaged or expecting

Trying to re-brand everything to ICSAtlanta so as to avoid confusion with other new charter schools

Parliamentarian (Uli)

- Creation of School Directory – be on the lookout for an email and please respond!
- January sign-up for planters at Lower Campus

Other Business & Questions/Concerns from Membership

- Does PTO have any input on curriculum, policy, etc. with school? No, we suggest you contact the Governing Board
- How do we build consensus for new ideas? Use FB group, send email to the general “Info” school email address, attend Governing Board meetings & Town Halls
- 3rd Grade French has not had any communication from their Room Mom

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38pm