

First PTA Meeting 10/26/16

- Participants: 11 staff (includes 3 staff providing childcare), 11 parents
- All participants signed in and were entered to be part of Raffle for Ivymount “swag”
- Leftover SpiritWear was on sale for \$10/\$5
- All meeting participants introduced themselves
- Melissa gave history of PTA - began as Parent Association when Ivymount School was smaller, as Ivymount grew it became more challenging for families to connect, over the summer 2016, Melissa and Susan discussed how they could strengthen the group and the PTA evolved
- Board Member s–
 - Melissa Porter is serving as President this year, Sandy Landis is Treasurer, Carolyn Woodham is staff representative, and Caitlyn Mitchell is Development Rep
 - Need to fill role of Co-President or Vice President (should be someone who will be successor to President). Also need to fill role of secretary
 - Karrin Lukacs volunteered to fill role of Vice President
- Dates for Future Meetings
 - Group Proposed Last Wednesday in January and Last Wednesday in March – Carolyn will check Ivymount Calendar for conflicts and confirm dates
- Reviewed Mission Statement
 - Suggestion to remove the word “supporting” before collaboration
- PTA Money Matters
 - Dues for Members have always been voluntary. A letter asking for donations will be going home to parents in the fall and again in the spring
 - PTA funds are used for staff refreshments for monthly building meeting and Staff Appreciation Lunch at end of the year. Staff lunch runs \$6000-\$8000 includes lunch and \$10 gift card for each staff member
 - Current status of budget: Checking Account \$1666.74, Savings Account \$2237.29
 - At the end of the year if there are funds leftover a donation is made to the school to use for something that can be used and enjoyed by everyone at the school
- Fundraisers
 - Mixed Bag
 - Supposed to close on Friday, we can extend it. Monique Witts runs the fundraiser. Will send email to staff and families reminding them of the deadline
 - Profit is a few thousand dollars
 - Spiritwear
 - Would be good to have a committee head
 - Have been using CafePress store because there has not been anyone to take the lead with organizing, PTA not making a profit
- Auction Update –
 - Auction is Nov 19th . Money raised supports staff salaries

- All parents should have received an invite in the mail
- Ways to Support: Buy tickets to attend event, publicize through social media, sign up to volunteer for pre-event or during the event on the day of event, donate to wall of wine (drop off a bottle of wine \$25 or more at the front office)
- Ideas for PTA Sponsored events (goal to have 2 social events, 1 training event)
 - Field day or basketball game with parents/staff/students/alumni
 - Dance (possibly look into partnering with KTS)
 - Training/Speaker Event paired with Student Activity – survey for topics of interest
 - Community Service Event where students can earn hours
 - Autism Awareness event
- Possible Committees – Carolyn/Melissa will setup a sign-up genius for volunteers.
 - Welcome Committee – to welcome new families to Ivymount – Jen Berzok
 - Dance Committee – to plan a dance for Jan/Feb
 - Sporting Event Committee – to plan a basketball game or field day type event for April/May
 - Communication Committee – to share information
 - Training Event Committee – to plan training event for staff and parents
 - Spirit Wear – to organize sales of spirit wear and determine if there is a local vendor that could be used
- To share ideas/ask questions, parents can contact Melissa rancorswife@yahoo.com , staff can contact Carolyn cwoodham@ivymount.org