Leal PTA Meeting -  September 12, 2016 / Reunión de la PTA de Leal -  El 12 de Sieptembre 2016

38 members, 7 board members

Leal Parent Teacher Association General Assembly / Asamblea general de la asociación de padres y maestros de la escuela Leal (la PTA de Leal)

Family Dinner/ Cena Familiar -- Siam Terrace

1. Welcome from Executive Board / Bienvenida del Comité Ejecutivo de la PTA – LARA
   1. Introductions
      1. Presidents—Lara and John
      2. Vice Presidents—Erica, Angela, Felipe
      3. Treasurer—Kathy
      4. Secretary -- Jen
2. New Buisiness/ Asuntos Nuevos--
   1. Walkathon- Mary Kate—One of our biggest and most popular fundraisers. We need many volunteers. To sign up, you can email Mary Kate at [mkarend25@gmail.com](mailto:mkarend25@gmail.com) or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aea92aa64-2016>
   2. Feeding Our Kids—This nonprofit was started by two PTA moms to provide students who live with food insecurity with nutritious, shelf-stable food items to take home during weekends and school breaks when they aren’t receiving school meals. Approximately 17 Leal students, identified by need by our school social worker, receive this confidential service. We need volunteers to pick up food on sort days (every other Wednesday at 8pm) at Church of Christ (1509 W John St., Champaign) and brought to the Leal office the following school day. Please email Kathy Adams if you are interested in this important work [kathyadams817@gmail.com](mailto:kathyadams817@gmail.com) .
   3. 2016-2017 Budget Proposal presentation –
      1. The 2015-2016 audit went smoothly. The audit committee was comprised of Robbie, Ravi, and Felipe.
      2. Our major fundraisers are Walk-a-Thon, Fun Fair, and t-shirt sales.
      3. Last years’ fifth grade class was very big. The fifth grade end-of-year celebration required an extra bus. This year’s fifth grade population is only one-bus sized. The fifth grade celebration will be more affordable.
      4. We offer supplemental mini-grants to teachers.
      5. Donors Choose—George helps many Leal teachers to create crowdfunding campaigns to fund wonderful projects.
      6. Two more promethean boards are needed before all the classrooms are equipped. We will fund one this year (in conjunction with other school funds) and work on maintaining all of the existing boards. We will work on funding our final board next year.
      7. Student directory—is almost $300.
   4. Principal’s Report—Welcome. The strength of Leal’s PTA helps to make it the great school it is. A presentation on our new math program will be scheduled for the next PTA meeting.
   5. Minutes for the May 2016 PTA meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Guest Speaker/ Presentacion Invitada – Black Lives Matter
   1. Institutional Racism
   2. Micro-aggressions
   3. Police Brutality
   4. Educational equality-- This has been a big push in Unit 4. The idea that student demographics do not match the percentage of African American students in gifted or advanced programs is unacceptable.
      1. Work can be expanded to include Urbana schools.
      2. Some ideas about how Urbana students could be better served were discussed.
   5. The idea of creating a directory of committees was discussed for folks to engage in work on specific areas of interest (ie. Labor relations, education, economic justice, etc.).
4. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting October 10, 2016-- 6pm dinner, 6:30 meeting.