PTSO Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

Attending: Donna Drown, Jeri Brown, Lacee Brown, Alma Yanagui, Matt Smith, Patricia Grajeda, Andrea Grajeda, Maria Villanueva, Isabelle (translator)

Introductions

Synopsis of PTSO participants who have been here for several years including what the PTSO is about and where we hope it will go

First year of SLCSE 2008-2009 – historical perspective

Thank you to Jeri Brown and Heather Bennett for the PT conference dinners. Thank you to all those who dropped donated items for the dinners. The teachers loved it!

The PTSO needs an entire Executive Board! If you are new to the school now is your chance to get involved. Please contact Donna Drown at dlbdld444@comcast.net or notify Christina if you would like to get involved. The following positions are available:

PTSO President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasure

Book Fair Coordinator

Parent Teacher Conference Teacher Dinner Coordinator

Volunteer Outreach Specialist

We will follow bylaws in selecting PTSO Executive Board. Names will be listed and a vote will take place.

The Salt Lake City School District has requested parent and high school student input regarding characteristics they would look for in a Principal. Please email Donna Drown SLCSE SCC Chair with any input at dlbdld444@comcast.net.

The PTSO discussed the Washington DC Trip process– As always there was limited enrollment and a waiting list has been created for those who signed up late.

Among other things, 80 hours of service is required, the student’s family is expected to pay a minimum of $800, students will need to participate in the school store, salsa fundraiser and sell Christmas wreaths. This is not meant to be a complete list of required activities, rather it came up during the meeting.

Lacee Brown requested that SLCSE begin a tradition of Spirit Week. She exlplained that while SLCSE is a wonderful school with many great opportunities, there are limited opportunities to bond and team build as a school. The PTSO provided suggestions including development of a firm plan that includes a strong service component. The vision and purpose of the founders of SLCSE was also discussed. It is important to remember that SLCSE has a strong focus on academics and the charter was developed specifically to keep to a minimum activities that do not either involve Core subjects or a service component. Therefore the PTSO advised that

Students re-pitch their idea of what a Spirit Week would entail that follows the SLCSE Charter keeping in mind the following:

Community about learning and giving back to the community, self esteem building

* slcse is a family, we ought to do something that connects everyone together, bonding as a school
* talk to Miss Powell for ideas
* Talk to Miss Moretz
* Miss Chandler
* Miss Holtcamp

Discussion of possible community service projects:

 Reading to elementary students

 Science Buddies

 Humane Society

Meeting was adjourned