Trotter Parent Council Meeting Notes 1/19/17

Game night schedule: The council decided that the second Thursday of each month was a good target for the remaining game nights. They will be held Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8.

Upcoming parent council schedule: it was decided that a consistent and easy-to-remember date for parent council would be helpful. The council agreed that morning meetings ended up gaining the best attendance, and that the second Thursday was a good date to choose so that game night check-ups could happen, too. So remaining parent council meetings for the 2016-2017 school year would be: Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8 at 7:30 AM in the cafeteria. It was requested that coffee be made available.

Ideally, parent council notes would be available at game night so that the chairs could share information to the parents who attend.

Krystle requested that everyone sign in so that she can text the core group of parents about parent council issues. She offered to send out her number so that group texts wouldn’t be needed. Email seems to be working to get people out to meetings.

Tonight’s game night: Isaac offered to bring pizza and check for games. Jenna offered to get game night fliers to Ms. Kelsey, the new Imajine That coordinator.

Concerns: the following items were on the chair’s list to discuss. Lunch-time monitors/disciplinary action, parent outreach and engagement, Academics/curriculum, bathrooms/cleanliness, Homework: not challenging enough in older grades and not needed in K1. Maia offered to report back on her parent teacher conference about whether or not K1 homework is mandatory. Mr. Donati offered to be of help in communicating between parent council, governance board, and the teachers. The group all approved of this gesture.

Fundraiser! The parent council talked about hosting a show/event at the school in March to raise money for the parent council, penciled in for the March 9 game night. Christina offered to look into a donation from her employer, Cathy Washington offered to approach Best Buy for a raffle item, Krystle will check with Target, Jenna will make a basket using the TJMaxx money, and Issac will get the t-shirt order underway to potentially sell shirts at the event.

T-shirts: the parent council discussed and approved two changes to the t-shirt order this year. To cover costs, it was approved that the price of kids shirts increase to $7. Also, it was suggested and approved that the shirts be offered in two colors so that parents and kids would buy the new color and help cover costs of new student t-shirts.

The next parent council meeting will be Feb. 9 at 7:30 AM in the school cafeteria.