

Community Club - September 14th, 2021

- Adam Yale, Westside School Board member discussed the importance of the upcoming levy override vote
 - This is not a tax increase.
 - Asking to keep the current authority on the books for another 5 year extension. Which has been in place the the past 25 years.
 - Vote allows an additional 0.15% levy. However, the district has not asked for the whole amount in years past.
 - The Westside District is equitable to our peer size districts.
 - The levy override is critical to Westside Community Schools
 - Allows District to operate 10 elementary schools instead of seven
 - Competitive teacher compensation to retain our best teachers
 - EY, AP/dual enrollment classes, multiple foreign languages, elementary strings, modular schedule
 - 1:1 Technology
 - Robust and individualized special services
 - This is a political campaign - every 5 years needs to be brought in front of the voters
 - Ballots mailed out September 20th and need returned by October 12th.
 - Returned through mail
 - Dropped in Douglas County Election Boxes
 - Ballot collection during school pickup lines
- Principals report
 - Collaboration night - low turn out
 - Usually provide childcare and food but unable due to covid protocols
 - Future years, hope to provide those options
 - iPad winner was announced
 - 16th is picture day
 - Continually promoting the step-it-up fundraiser
 - PBIS
 - Gators of the month announcements at in-school assemblies
 - Gator bucks
 - Positive office referrals
 - Birthday announcements
 - Multi-tiered support system
 - Reading intervention
 - Benchmarking and meetings
 - Math took a big hit nationwide due to pandemic. District wide, seeing the effects of that
 - Reading to a hit but not as much as math
 - Some kids have a ways to go to hit benchmark
 - WeSide Initiative
 - Staff had professional development sessions
 - Parent teacher conferences will be in-person or webex
 - Security cameras have been installed at the school
 - Large vinyl decal was purchased and installed in the corridor outside the library

- Title I meeting following the next Community Club October meeting
- Treasurer's Report
 - Teacher reimbursement checks are being cashed. Hope everyone cashes them by the end of September
 - Community Club committed to \$2000 additional toward the concrete basketball court - Amanda to confirm who a check needs to go to
 - RAZ Kids reading app invoice needs paid. Amanda to provide an invoice instead of the quote.
- New Business
 - Step it Up fundraiser
 - Going great and should match or exceed 2020 totals.
 - Day of Awesomeness to be October 1st
 - Look into gaga pit flooring options
 - Purchase Soccer goals
 - Gator store first run of t-shirts closed earlier this month
 - Run again in November
 - Have same t-shirts with Courtyard Ink online store
 - Add a hat option
 - Consider a stocking hat option with pom pom
 - Have an internal ordering form
 - Pop-its
 - Water bottles
 - Food fundraisers
 - Scooter's - 2nd Wednesday 30%
 - Don & Millies - 3rd Saturday 20%
 - Smoothie King - 4th Tuesday 15%
 - Godfathers, Raising Canes & Runza to be distributed throughout the year (these three are not every month)
 - Read-a-thon
 - Consider moving to winter event
 - January 19th - February 2nd
 - Fall Parties (October 29th)
 - Amanda to coordinate with the other school principals so we are consistent
 - Could be an outdoor event if having parent volunteers
 - Otherwise, might be limited to two parent volunteers per classroom
 - Trunk or Treat (October 28th 6:00-7:00)
 - Keep everything outside - won't have games inside the gym like past years.
 - Consider having snacks, photo booth, etc on the basketball court instead of the gym.
 - Consider inviting a food truck
 - Announcement of basketball court and gaga pit
 - Would like to wait until after the district paints the court lines
 - Hopefully have a drone video with kids