**August 2022 General Meeting-Back to School Night**

**Date: 08/18/22 @ 5:00-5:30pm**

Attendance (100+ attendees):

Kiersten Schnacke, Principal

William Shuman, Asst. Principal

Allen Moody, Teacher Rep.

Kristy Sullivan, President

Diana Barzizza, Vice President

Suzanne Drumwright, Soc. Med.

Kristin Korneliussen, Secretary

*Summary: The PTO was introduced, and parents were encouraged to support the school by attending at least one PTO meeting and volunteer at least one hour. Concluded with open forum questions/comments.*

1. PTO introduction (Sullivan)
   1. Mission: to promote the partnership between parents, teachers and the school community at large in supporting the mission of Idlewild Elementary through three basic program areas: **fundraising, volunteerism, and parent education**
   2. Volunteer-driven organization directed by a PTO board composed of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer
2. Upcoming Dates
   1. 1st semester meeting dates
      1. Different times (morning, evening) and formats (in-person, virtual) in order to be accessible and inclusive
      2. September 15th (in-person): Expo featuring different committees/volunteer opportunities
      3. October 20th (virtual)
      4. November 17th (TBD): date could change to accommodate book fair hours
   2. Fall Carnival: Saturday, October 29th
      1. Horror Hall to return
3. Membership Drive
   1. Any donation is welcome *(donations not required for membership)*—any donation of $30+ receives an adult-sized Idlewild t-shirt
   2. Time and service are more important
      1. Goal to have all parents donate one hour of their time
      2. In order to volunteer in the school, must fill out the volunteer form through the MSCS website: <https://www.scsk12.org/face/level2>
      3. Many volunteer opportunities available
4. Spirit Gear
   1. Tie-dye shirt pre-orders have been delivered
   2. Pre-orders for new ringer t-shirt on the website; youth XS available
   3. Items available for purchase with cash/Venmo/credit card (through idlewildoptionalpto.com)
5. Capital Improvements
   1. Outdoor Learning Space project
   2. Many renovations planned, especially as Idlewild turns 130 years old in 2023
6. Open Forum
   1. No questions for PTO
   2. Please reach out via email and/or social media
7. Administration presentation (Schnacke & Shuman)
   1. Idlewild’s mission: Children first, excellence always; celebrate diversity
   2. Faculty and staff awards
   3. TCAP results—even higher than projected
   4. Many building projects and clear-outs planned
   5. 5th grade trip to Washington DC (deposit due at the end of August)
   6. Clubs (more information to come)
   7. Q&A

*Respectfully submitted by Kristin Korneliussen*