



Idlewild Elementary PTO

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PTO Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 1, 2024

Presenting:

Diana Barzizza, Co-President
Laura Burditt, Co-President

In-person meeting held in the Idlewild Library with parents and school staff in attendance. Topics of discussion included:

1. Beautification/Building update:
 - a. Plans are moving forward to landscape the front of the school building, with tree trimming, weeding and taking out plants that block the front of the building. Goal is to open up the building to air and light and have a visual of the historic building.
 - b. A plan for the whole grounds has been developed, with PTO and Central Gardens Association contributing funding for Phase 1 (eastern portion of the building). Additional phases can be undertaken as CGA has match funds available.
 - c. Window project undertaken by the district was a \$1.5M investment in Idlewild.
2. Giving Campaign:
 - a. Family friendly kick-off is scheduled for Oct. 20 at Railgarten.
 - b. \$40K goal for this year.
 - c. Last year's funds paid for items such as kindergarten furniture, library furniture, branding and murals throughout the building, ukuleles for music classes and enrichment asks such as iPads for the Robotics class.
3. Blacktop to Greentop Project
 - a. Principal Schnacke gave an update on the blacktop project: In the next year to 1.5 years MSCS may want to put an addition on the school, which is complicating decisions for the greenspace.
 - b. \$36K of the \$250K cost of turf has been raised; Play Where You Stay is no longer involved.
 - c. Principal Schnacke said parents could go to the District Board Meeting and inquire about the status of the project.
 - d. Parents asked whether they could take the initiative to drive a public-private partnership, and a sidebar discussion was recommended.
4. Trunk or Treat
 - a. Annual fall event scheduled for Oct. 26 from 1-3 p.m.
 - b. \$5/child
 - c. Sign-up will be sent for volunteers.
5. Committee Updates: It is not too late to join a committee!
 - a. Yearbook Committee needs parents for 1st, 3rd and 4th grades to document with pictures
 - b. Sustainability Committee asks that parents label student's items so lost belongings can be easily returned; committee is also focusing on school supply sustainability to make



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best use of supplies provided by parents; recycled uniforms will be out for parents during the December board meeting.

- c. Community Engagement Committee is monitoring the Whataburger drive-through development.
- d. Alumni Outreach – a parent is needed to start this committee. Please reach out to Laura or Diana if interested.
- e. Spring Event Committee needs a chair.