

General PTO Meeting December 19, 2016

Guests

Don Sims - Maintenance Dept.
Dave Hollister – Sundance
Sam Ruark-Eastes - WNCGBC

Libby Briefing on Equity Committee

- met w/ racial equity facilitator
- Jan 10th presentation to full staff
- LC committee may attend
- Models from other schools that we could look at for ideas
- Meetings continue 2nd Thursday of every month at 3:30
- PTO committees are open to everyone at anytime

Reach out

- Facebook upcoming events and general news
- IDESpto.org
- news/upcoming events/budget documents, committee info etc.

Solar PV Proposal

- IDES designed to have 600kw system on the roof
- current funding gap due to running out of funds during build
- idea is to have group of investors to make it happen to close the gap with the exception of 200k left to raise from community
- Nonprofit group, guest Dave, Appalachian offsets, cutmycarbon.org
- business donate and get a carbon credit offset, clear renewable energy
- time frame estimated 6-12 months for fund raising
- biggest issue was tax credit went away for finished project
- the more money we can raise the shorter period of time the private investors have to make up their cost of investment
- 30 year savings would be 3.8m savings to school
- need to have fundraising part laid out and set before going to investors
- installation time is several months, shovel ready to go now, duke energy approved
- Duke has incentive to utilize the real estate with credits that they need but the school system would not benefit from the panels other than a Duke leasing fee.
- trying to get to the school board to get buy in of plan
- timing for Duke Energy proposal is not clear
- solar panel inverters do emit very low radiation but it is VERY benign
- Pepi requests that we look at possible PTO donation from funds earned by original investors so IDES PTO and other city schools will have continued benefit from donations
- MOTION, Pepi, that IDES enters into an agreement with Western NC Green Building Council, following school board presentation and approval to move forward, and to begin planning a major fund raising initiative concerning solar panels to benefit IDES school with details to be worked out and agreed upon by co presidents, motion seconded by Steve Agan, approved by all

Budget Update

-total goal is 80k so far we have collected 34k projected to spend 83k and we have spent 23k, budget to actual is posted online at idespto.org

Hot chocolate update

-10 year tradition! Woohoo!

-like on FACEBOOK and share posts PLEASE!! FREE ADVERTISING!!!

-Need volunteer posters to be put up

-when signing up to race people are able to donate to additional fundraising efforts for school

-on track to have 6-700 runners

Mulch Update

-school board is supportive of efforts putting forth to have mulch removed

-Don has a plan to offset the cost of removal

-plan is to use facility employees to do the removal to get to code, facilities dept to supply all the labor, plan to salvage as much as possible (net etc.), facilities cannot legally remove any equipment, hope is that none of the equipment has to be moved but there are specific parameters that legally have to be met for the equipment (height of slide etc.)

-3-4 week estimate to remove

-When all of the rubber mulch is removed, the PTO has to put the new mulch back in

-Central office will give PTO till end of April to pay bill, ACS will front the money until April

-PTO will have to pay

-quotes received are for 43k, with the labor Don is suggesting the overall cost is estimated 10-12k, could be more if something is wrong with the footers (unknown) etc.

-every two years is general top off time frame for wood mulch

-MOTION Steve Agan, spend the money with max of 12k based on Jessica and Don's estimate, seconded Elizabeth Thiera, vote passed with no nays

Parking Issues

-solution, chamber parking lot, church across foot bridge can be used,

-safety issues have been of great concern