General Board Meeting 02/26/2016

List for returning committee members passed around. Looking for people to either circle yes/no to return or change their positions.

Jennifer Major brings up concerns about International fest and carnival.

Discussed:

* International fest and carnival not enough volunteers
* 2nd grade mom was volunteering with carnival, but now working Mr. Bounds
* 5th grade: cake walk and face painting
* PTO: bounce houses and coordination of tickets and food
* Bilingual: cascarones
* Idea for 4th grade (incoming 5th grade) take over food sales to Start Movin On: misc income to roll over for 2016-2017 for budget line item on existing budget
* Adjusting time or moving International Festival, Mrs Cumby will talk to Mr. Bounds because of conflict with Triathlon, tapping into the participation and the volunteers by having two big events on the same day

STAAR is not a promotion standard for 3rd and 4th because of the test dates being too late. Change is supposed to be just this year. School rating and funds/teacher bonuses are still contingent on scores. Summer school is still attached to the scores. Askew still hosting summer school pre-k/kinder-5th grade

Unsure of Pre-K for next year due to space, proposing no pre-k due to space.

Went over blue print of construction site.

HISD budget

We have counselor, school nurse, librarian, so doesn’t affect us.

Robinhood (Recapture): HISD is considered Tax-Rich and so we have to re-distribute funds to other districts or absorb other districts

Proposals: Get rid of Aspire (Teacher Bonus system)

Yes, we will be affected but not in the way other schools will be affected. Mrs. Cumby’s last resort is human capital loss (does not want to reduce teachers).

Mrs. Cumby can now do her own projections, because it wasn’t working for many schools. So HISD will now give the recommendations and the administration will be able to make their own final numbers.

How could we split up fundraising duties? The volunteers that are interested seem overwhelmed to take over the entire role. All the numbers are down for fundraising. 2016-2017 fundraising goals should change.

5th grade Movin On wants to do a Community service project. Suggestion was made to help teachers pack up their rooms to prepare for move during construction.

Smash, the mounted patrol, deaf horse does visits. Sgt Wills and Sgt Harris; recommendation from Alicia Richardson to bring to the school

Read –A-Loud night is now Read-A-Loud Day March 3rd, kids wear pjs and 22 staff members will do read a louds in the classrooms. Day full of literacy activities. Alicia brought idea of podcasts from authors on this day.

Volunteering:

Shiro will send out committee chair list and contact all officers to see if they will return. Send out in Tuesday folders with quick info on duties and ask to be returned, Mrs. Cumby will do a call out, can email if interested as well