



## January 2016 Board Report

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Treasurer report has been balanced to the penny. We are about 6K\$ under budget for the year-to-date. This prompts us to ask when our proposed budget for 2016-2017 school year needs to be submitted. It appears we need to reduce the overall budget for next year since we are so under what we expected, while still allowing for some unexpected costs.
- CEC would like to know when our events calendar for 2016-17 is due.

### **EVENTS**

- One last point re: Veteran's Day (Julie-Lead) was made. It was observed that the veterans who attended might have been offending by the video we show at the assembly. It seems maybe it was too celebratory for the actual veterans. Suggestions were made to possibly reduce the guns and explosions in next year's video. The CEC would like feedback from the board on their thoughts re: the video as well as general comments and concerns so we can plan around those next year.
- OAK (One Act of Kindness) Holiday parties (Jen-lead)
  - Grades K-2, Windcrest was very appreciative of the cards donated over holiday break. Due to the amount of empty cards I got back, it would appear that some classes did not participate but we still had enough for each resident of their rehabilitation building as well as a few extra.
  - Grades 3-5, Children's Hospital was also very appreciative of the blankets donated. They expressed a need for them ongoing and thanked BFA for our continued support. They gave each class a certificate of thanks. Those will be delivered Friday, Jan. 7th.
  - Grades 6-8, The Middle School has almost completed the bracelets for Operation Gratitude. The time it took to do the project was longer than anticipated for their planning time and so they were not able to get them done before break. Those will be collected and shipped.
  - Charities chosen, purchasing of the items, and distribution to the classes went smoothly. We were able to use parents who wanted volunteer hours from home.
  - There was some confusion re: the intent and planning of the items to be completed within the class parties. We plan to communicate with the teachers/staff/room leads (PTO) better next year so that the parties are more cohesive and meaningful going forward.
  - Planning for the BFF Seminar on Jan 28th (Christina- Lead) was discussed. We are working on a commitment from Hugh Redford to speak. The event will be held in the preschool room in the evening. In the event that Hugh is unavailable, we may need to reschedule.
  - Once the bracelets have been received I will send Becky a write up on this event for FB and board purposes.
  - Laura Goldin has agreed to give us a page in the yearbook for Rachel's Challenge and the OAK parties.
- Morsels with Moms (Sabina-Lead) is in planning stages.