

## March 2017 meeting

In Attendance: Maren La Roche, Misty Hill, Lynn Kane, Laurie Freeman, Karen Olsen Jason Schanze, Jen Davis, Bronda Wold-Rocholz, Yuli Martinez, Cat Tomlin

Upcoming activities

mar. 7 science night

[mar 16](#) jaliscos fundraiser

need volunteers for musical, contact Ms.Olsen if you are interested.

Brinda spoke about trauma induced practice and how do you sustain? some of the practices here, the dialogue circle, good news/bad news kids are very honest, raw. its something to say and get off their chests. Parents spoke about how we are a community/family and that wasn't something that used to be growing up when we were kids. The teachers and staff had made this a great community and place for kids. its interesting about vocalizing, it's not about the group necessarily, a lot of it is being in a safe group. Attendance is an indicator of who is not attending/chronically late. [Feb 15](#)-mar.17 will be ultimate attendance challenge. Whoever participates and succeeds will get an extra recess. When we're welcoming and offer these incentives like the good attendance club to see if we can make a difference. we're trying to change peoples perspective on the importance. An example Brinda gave was a girl with a pretty chronic tardiness problem only needed an alarm clock to be a self starter, so, Brinda bought her an alarm clock to get her excited, at first they weren't sure if it was the parent discrediting, and they're finding that a lot of times its the child that's holding

back. Laurie and Brinda spearheaded this ultimate attendance program.

The black button in each room is for emergencies, and patches into the office. If you feel you are dealing with a child issue that is too far out of control to deal with, push that button.

Jen had a suggestion for future topics of pto meetings. pbis for home, 3 different types of intervention, marriage between pbis at home and here. how to promote grit, how to promote internal motivation. we don't know how to teach that, community help. dialogue. self regulation in the classroom, independent working. growth and fixed mind set is a good example of grit. implementation versus the concept of growth mindset. push back on challenge.

Maren had a question/ suggestion, she said that we are always and forever struggling with the need of volunteers and how do we snag more people to volunteer? how we feel spread thin, guilty, what can we do to get more people to show up, get involved? We have a untapped market of volunteers, in the way of kindergarten families. Could we have the equivalent of parent aha's?! Is there something that we could do for getting those parents involved? At the Health screening/Valentines events- Jen was pretty excited about how many names were new. It was a sign that the google forum was very successful- 65-70% NEW NAMES. We discussed maybe having a general volunteer party, or rather than a how to volunteer, a get to know your kids parents party?! Brinda thought it would be interesting to celebrate all the birthdays in each month one day a month, as a mingler, do a meet and greet? school wide once a

month meeting and greeting. Or free coffee positioned at morning drop off with a volunteer and a signup sheet to get people to walk up and start talking about the joys of volunteering?! Face to face would really help. Jen has suggested we get new plastic easels for all our posters out front, the ones we have are so heavy. We might be able to approve that expense without a meeting approval. Brinda also said that an effective way to get people interested would be to word a sign, can you read? can you sell? if you like to do this... this was a re-framing that could get people to be excited about a specific area of help. Ms. Olsen- suggested we talk to grandparents also an untapped volunteer potential- what about celebrating grandparents day? We have a huge population of grandparents that are active in co-parenting our students. brinda londa move to allocate the \$1150 the two others typing web and dance mat typing but some of the logistics/ layout were more cumbersome. Laurie suggested a banner for pto so we can advertise. That parents might need the reminder. Even though it is a very large undertaking, it would be nice to have a class directory. so that way we can have the connection with other parents.