



Elementary Partners in Funding Meeting Oct. 15, 2019

Roosevelt Elementary School

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Q&A

- Question: For the schools not participating in the equity pilot project, will they still receive funds?
 - Answer: Only schools that are participating in the fundraiser can receive and that was an agreed decision collectively. The two schools that are not participating are taking votes and surveys in the coming weeks to determine whether they will participate.
- Question: What feedback have you received about the fundraiser?
 - Some parents said they have received questions and some concerns. One parent said they had a parent ask if there would be a separate fundraiser just for their school.
 - One parent group representative said the original intention of the equity project is 10% of all fundraising, not just the fun-run.
 - One school passed a motion that it was just 10% of the Globe Trot, not all fundraising. But the parent group wants to make sure it is 10% of all fundraising.
 - Other parents said they feel like there isn't a lot of feedback and parents are ready to move forward.
 - One PTA discussed giving to the fundraiser but not taking the money they should receive (which would result in additional giving to schools that don't have the fundraising power). No vote was taken, but a PTA is discussing it. This PTA sits right in the middle of the amount collected and parents felt the PTA could support other schools.
- Question: Did parent groups use the toolkit and video or did you use your own communication?
 - Yes, most used the video and toolkit messaging.
 - Parents said they appreciated the district message and some principals were using the same messaging, too.
- Question: What is next? What could be the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation's role in addition to be the "pass through" for the funds going from one PTA to the other?



- One idea is to find funders to specifically support this equity fundraiser. The Foundation is working to be a healthy partner, and the goal is a long-range plan.
- One parent representative said they don't see how this would be possible without the Foundation. They said that the Foundation has held this all together and kept people connected towards this goal. The Foundation brings skills and talents around advertising and communication that the parent groups need.
- Question: How do we process the money?
 - Checks made out to Bellingham Public Schools Foundation. With Equity Project in the reason: Checks can be sent to Kathy Dooley at the District Office by Oct. 31. Kathy will send out a reminder, but there is flexibility if PTAs need some wiggle room.

Announcements and Closing

- Cordata is hosting a fun run on Oct. 31 and would love any parent support they can get with that event.
- Kudos and thanks from parents to the Foundation for all that they have done and the parent representatives. We should be proud!
- After we are finished this year, the Foundation would like to come by and thank each PTA and parent group.
- It would be fun to identify any projects that came from the equity fund as a way to share the stories.