

AL PTO Board Meeting Notes, 8/23/2021

Boulevard Drive In Movie Night – Nicole Kube

- \$2,500 + \$200-500 depending on the movie we select
- Oct 8/9 or Nov 12/13
- \$50/family maybe – we can sell food, alcohol, raffles etc.
- We could potential raise a few thousand

Budget – currently in progress – Alonda Lona

- Alonda is trying to organize the budget
- Will send it out once she's worked with Marcia Berry

Positioning of AL PTO

- What is going on with PTO? What is its purpose now? This needs to be defined. Is it about the culture and families OR is it about funding sports, programs, equipment, etc? At this point in the school's tenure, funding for the school should be driven by the school rather than PTO – is this our new path?
- Create a spreadsheet for PTO board to brainstorm "mission" concepts

Boo Bayou –

- We need a coordinator
- How will Boo Bayou look this year – prevailing thought is we need **three** separate events.

EIP – where do funds go now?

- Funding still goes to PTO budget, but \$ is provided to school to use as they need?
- There used to be a line item that funded fees for athletic program. The school didn't want to ask us permission for those funds.
- The school shouldn't need to come to us for money at this stage.
- Can we instead use EIP funding for **something that benefits all the students?**
- What about school trips? That is sort of equal oppty for all the kids.
- Welcome Table – to get families to attend back to school night.
- One of the parties each year, the PTO sets up something in the gym as stations.

"Ask the PTO for that." – Administration / We need to be clear with Administration on the parameters of this so that teachers aren't being misinformed on the role of PTO.

Questions for the new budget – Questions we need answers to:

1. Does PTO still give money towards extracurriculars? Which ones and how much? Is the school able to take this on now? In the past this had been a huge portion of the budget.
2. Do we still have and fund the fruit carts? There is extra funding for lunches now so we may not need to fund anymore.
3. What's been the funding recently for school trips? 5th grade camp was reduced down to a day trip in 2018, France hasn't happened for 2 years and New Orleans for 2-3 years. Do we still have that money or did it go somewhere else?