Tomo No Kai General Meeting ~ November 29, 2022 Agenda

Call to order 6pm: 17 people attending

Budget Update: Reviewed Board approved budget. Fall dinner was successful.

ASD Budget Awareness/School Board Meeting Take ways:

* Immersion group meeting info to be added to our website. Group meeting over Zoom twice a month 12/07, 12/21, 01/04, 01/18 7-8pm, open to all immersion programs. First meeting had parents from Russian and Chinese Immersion (4 each).
* ASD has an all immersion program night in Feb. This is their main event and advertising.
* Ideas: Advertise at preschools, coffeeshops and grocery stores (Carrs/FM), sports groups (Stephanie will send out the pamphlet for those that can give it out);
  + Library (Reading Rondy),
  + Invite more people or vendors to Cherry Blossom or other events,
  + Promote benefits from language (jobs),
  + Invite news media (8 part series on each school),
  + DHS student could create videos for a class on the program,
  + Promote Sister City Chitose,
  + Connect with other school’s boards,
  + Connect with Brandon Locke World Language Director,
  + Promote each other’s programs,
  + Promote TNK,
  + Promote Strength and Quality of the program,
  + Advertise and connect with Japanese restaurants or organizations (Business Partnerships), Japanese movies at Bear Tooth,
  + Promote that we have interns, JJI program.
* Wait list for Sand Lake used to be 200 after first lottery, but much has changed.

Intern Update:

* Interns are moving to their second family. Fully covered with host families for the year. May need someone for a travel back-up (1-2 weeks).
* Working on JJI program, going well. 40 participants. Raised $3500 w/ $500 expenses.
* For next year: CHI used to help Issacs with JI visas. CHI can still assist with this. B Visa is an option, but can only stay for 6 months. Maybe able to ask for a renewal ($300, TNK would pay for). Have one intern for next year that contact us via our website.
* Spring trip: during conference week instead of Spring Break due to cost.
* Chitose: Mears in-bound in January, College students in February (02-06 6pm to 02-13 5am) for 1 week (9 students, will need host families).

Spring Art Auction

* April 29th, possibly the Aviation Museum.

Notes taken by Joanna Marshall, TNK Board Member