

## **Grant PTA Meeting**

**September 13, 2016 6:30 p.m.**

Board Members in Attendance- Jessica Lieder, Dan Sakai, Juliet Davenport, Rachel Kennedy, Laura More, Ann Anthony, Taline Tokatalian, Principal Lorden, Michelle Wernicke-Lovern

The PTA meeting was called to order by Jessica Lieder at 6:38 p.m.

Stacey McReynolds made a motion to approve the June PTA meetings as written, seconded by Nora Pencola. The motion Passed.

### **Administrative Updates – Principal Lorden**

Principal Lorden provided an update on the current school enrollment. There are currently 731 students enrolled. We are working with our current staffing levels. 2 of the kindergarten classes are very large. On September 16<sup>th</sup> the District will look at the enrollment at each school. We are 7 students shy of requiring another teacher according to district rules. Principal Lorden has been talking with District staff about additional staffing options. Teachers are doing great a job with the situation.

Issuing a call for School Site Council nominations. Please pick up a form on your way out. Have 2 open seats for parents. Nominations are due to the main office by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents vote for other parents October 3-12. First meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

We are starting to see the new building going up. Air conditioning is now up and running in most classrooms. There will be an update from the architect at the October PTA meeting.

Will have citizenship awards this month related to the grant Gecko characteristics. Helping to demonstrate how to show gratitude. Encourage parents to come to the coffee and community right after drop-off on Friday mornings at the Chatio.

In the afternoons please stay on the Chatio until the final bell rings so that the kids can stay focused until the end of the school day.

Kristina Paine – [kpaine@sandi.net](mailto:kpaine@sandi.net) – volunteer coordinator.

### **Presentation Items**

Future PTA agendas will not be printed. They will be available via email, posted on the website, and projected at the meetings.

### **Call for Volunteers/Highlight of Major fundraising events for 2016-2017**

Will have 4 major restaurant fundraisers during the year.

Highlighted amazonsmile, box tops, Steely Farms boxes,

November meeting – will have an update from the Capital Campaign on the pavers and on the Outdoor Science lab/garden.

All room rep. positions have been filled.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp had some successful fundraising over the summer. The PTA included some foundational funds for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Lara Gates will be chairing the Garden Walk – the Mission Hills Garden Club will give \$5,000 to the school and half of the proceeds from the event. The event will be held in May.

Halloween Carnival Update – Jill Parkey [jillparkey@yahoo.com](mailto:jillparkey@yahoo.com) – have most of the elements in place – laser tag, twist and spin, big trikes, mini golf, a few games, haunted house and haunted bus. Food truck, steaming hotdogs, cotton candy, 4 shades/canopies, a yoga booth. Really need help from other parents. Bring in prizes and put them in the prize can in the cafetorium. Need help with the food court – someone to operate it. More information will be provided at the room rep meeting. Help needed with clean-up and set-up. Need to get some sponsors. Dana Lingard is heading up the cakewalk. The Friday before need help to collect cakes in the morning and later in the day need to move the cakes to a classroom at the end of the school day.

#### Imagine Campaign – Vivica Hess

Overview of the Imagine Campaign which funds the science and art programs at Grant. Donations are 100% tax deductible and can be done on a monthly basis. Imagine campaign will be at the major events.

Imagine Campaign – Kristen Boyd – introduced the Board members and also thanked Ginger Tyson for her many years of service to the Foundation. The Foundation needs a secretary. The Foundation is a 5013c – mission to enhance the academic achievement in STEAM areas. It creates and maintains an on-going fund source for the science coordinator. The STEAM programs on the agenda are specifically funded by the Foundation. The majority of the funds raised are get the turned over to the PTA for the science coordinator and art teacher. This year there are some new developments – we are trying to move up the timing of the next phase of the school construction. As part of the on-going building project we are relocating the Gecko Garden to the front of the school food court. It is currently estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 cost to relocate the garden (maybe less). Will more centrally located on the campus. The capital campaign is looking to raise a couple of million dollars in the next years to complete the rest of the campus improvement. The City of San Diego would also partner on a joint use gym and regulation size soccer field. Any donations to the capital campaign are 100% tax deductible. Will be selling pavers – smaller are \$300, and large pavers for \$1000.

#### Mission Hills 5K- Kristen Boyd

The Mission Hills 5K will be held on March 18, 2017. They are looking for sponsors. There was great support from families on race day last year.

#### Next Generation Science Standards

Committee of parents and teachers are looking at the new science standards and are looking to see what teachers will need to help implement the standards. Have purchased some initial science gadgets and curriculum. Provided 17 scholarships to families this year for the after-school enrichment classes.

ASB Update – Katie Hanson – leading ASB. Haven't had elections yet. Will giving speeches next week and will have elections next Friday. October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first ASB meeting. ASB Students will help with the Halloween Carnival, Halloween Dance, and Red Ribbon week.

### **Action Items**

A motion to extend insurance for Halloween carnival was made by Lara Gates and seconded by Ginger Tyson. The motion was approved.

A motion to release the funds, not to exceed the budgeted amounts for the assemblies, field trips, art and music, and ASB funds was made by Lara Gates and seconded by Ginger. The motion passed.

Erik Karpinski, made a motion that the running club is under the auspices of the PTA for insurance purposes. The motion was seconded by Lara Gates. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Report – Lance Harris was out of town so Dan Sakai gave the report. We are winding up the books from last year. They will be audited by Vicki Knapp. Will ratify the expenses from last year at the October meeting. In August we filed our application to the State Department to authorize our ability to do raffles.

For the months of July and August we had expenses for \$11,857 and \$1,494 respectively. We approved a \$300 advance to teachers for supplies. Teachers will submit receipts. September funds were over \$16,000 for school subscriptions and nursing supplies. Funds were provided to Principal Lorden and an expense report will be provided to the PTA. Have made some minimal expenses for the Halloween Carnival. A motion to approve the July 2016 and August 2016 expenditures was made by Nora Pincole, seconded by Ginger Tyson. The motion passed.

### **PTA Budget Review**

Detailed Budget is online. Dan provided a brief overview.

### **Roundtable**

#### **SD Unified School Choice Program**

Kathy Lorden- The timeline is changing for the Choice program. The deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you know of people who are interested in Grant please have them go online and apply. September 22<sup>nd</sup> will have the first tour at 9:00 a.m. Please call the main office to register for the tour. Would like to have enough TK children for a full TK class next year.

Elena Banks – Science Lab and Gecko Garden Coordinator. 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Clean-up October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 - 10:00. Every first Saturday of the month. Everything grown in the garden is organic and goes into the school cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Sakai at 7:54 p.m.