**April 2014, PTA Meeting Notes**

**6:32 PM Call to Order – Lara Gates**

**6:33 PM Approval of March Minutes**

Toni Rushing Motioned, Anne Anthony second – motion passed

**6:35 PM Updates**

1. **Associated Student Body (ASB) Update -** Jordan Flores, President
   1. 5th 6 weeks grading period ends 5/2 – it’s the second progress report of the Spring Semester
   2. Spring dance night – 5/9 – middle school. Cinco de Mayo theme. Students with “U” citizenship will not be able to attend.
   3. 6th graders are at camp this week. Middle School is very quiet
   4. Coins of Cure begins Monday. It’s very similar to Pasta for Pennies – parent letters coming home this week
2. **Foundation and Centennial Committee–**Julie Morgan
3. Reaching out to community more
4. Raise $43K for Imagine campaign – will cover science coordinator and art program
5. Volunteers are working to publicize the centennial and gala together
6. Put the word out to the community for involvement
7. If anyone knows people that use to go or work at Grant – please invite them to the Gala
8. Board seats available
   1. Fundraising
   2. Community Outreach Lead
   3. Grants Community
9. Welcoming Toni Rushing as new treasurer starting July 1
10. **Principal Update –** Don Craig
11. Next year, class sizes are going to be 25:1 for K-3. Remain the same for 4, 5 and Middle School is 28:1. Awkward numbers because we have set up based on 29 kids to 1. We are probably looking at combo grades
12. Vice principal – scheduled to get one of those. Interviews in June. Hopefully have filled by the time we leave school in June
13. 6th graders are at camp this week- Melissa Hannah pulled together this year. Right now, we are looking for 5th grade parents that are willing to take it on. Lara posted request on Facebook.
    * 1. Problem – open up a can of worms when ask for fees for field trip. Strong legal language about not requiring payment for a trip that all go to. Cost - $325/kid + transportation. 75 students went to camp. We don’t want problem with legal next week. We need to make it a class fundraising activity – we need to raise enough for the entire class to go. We have position to the district a certain way to avoid issues.
         1. Could potentially sell that it supports are science based curriculum – core instructional element. It does meet this requirement. It is very structured.
         2. We have to use city school buses.
14. Began SVCA testing – grades 3-8. This year it is strictly a field test. We will not be graded. A lot of manipulation with technology. All done on students laptop devices. Next year is a baseline year. There won’t be anything to compare it to. The following year there will be rankings.
15. Alumni visited the office last week. He gave us a check for $1,000.
16. Lunch supervision position has not been filled yet. Having to start from scratch. We are actively looking for an hourly noon duty person.
17. **At Viola –** Emma
18. Present information to offer a summer camp to Grant Kids for elementary school age. There will also be 2 weeks of preschool camp. Location: TBD.
19. Also, would be willing to offer French class after school next year
20. Monthly events will be available
21. **Grant Gala Update – Stacey McReynolds**
22. Need more people to buy tickets
23. 7 live auction items, 42 silent auction items. We need 80 total items.
24. Last year we had a 100 items
25. We are also down on sponsorships
26. Bayou brothers band will be playing
27. Ideas:
28. Reunion for alumni – bolster ticket sales
29. Have room reps to get testimonials
30. Post flyers at local business
31. Hit up restaurants in Hillcrest and South Park.
32. Mrs. Roeder – get some old town restaurants gift certificate
33. Post on county/city site
34. Don can announce in newsline

**7:00 PM Action Items**

1. For next fiscal year starting on July 1, 2014, reallocate PTA funds to pay for 0.5 Spanish Teacher from funds that will now be covered by the school district for the library and music programs.
2. This is predicated on the funding that we generate at the May 10th Grant Gala which is currently estimated at $60,000 (gross). This is necessary to meet the district’s requirements. May post and bid timeframe to fill the position for September
3. The cost of it (assuming lower seniority teacher) - $35-$37K range for .5 person
4. Motion: Put the .5 Spanish teacher in next year’s fiscal budget - $40K. Reallocate funds for library and music program funds. Note: this is keeping the science and art position. Adding it as the funded item for the auction.
5. Discussion
   1. We have to let the district know to get on the bid – Don can submit it at anytime. Don needs letter from Treasurer that PTA will fund position
   2. We can pull it back if we don’t make the Gala money since Don won’t have anyone hired
   3. Lara would like action to go forward in this meeting so it can go forward as funded item in Gala
6. Motion: Laurie Roeder, Second: Anne Anthony. Vote was unanimous – motion passed.

**Annual Election to the Board**

1. Nomination for Treasurer seat
2. Alisa Loignan
   1. Son in 3rd grade – new to Grant this year. Came from Bay Park. Financial Analyst. Forensic Accounting background.
3. Nomination for Vice President II seat
4. Whitney Benzion
   1. Realtor and manages the California Apt Association of San Diego. Real Estate and Marketing background. Parent to Emma (1st grade). Other daughter is at St. Vincent’s School
5. No other nominations

Motion to bring Alisa and Whitney to the board next year – Lara Gates

Motion: Anne Anthony, Second: Stacey McReynolds

Motion passes unanimously – motion passed

**Nomination of Auditor – Per the PTA bylaws** “The auditor shall be appointed by the executive board and ratified by the association at the April meeting. The auditor shall not be an officer of the association or a member of the executive board.”

* 1. Nomination by Toni Rushing - Vickie Knapp
  2. Motion: Larry Wood, Second: Stacey McReynolds
  3. Motion passes unanimously– motion passed

**Presentation of Mid-Year Audit- Mary Burns (not present).** Toni Rushing reported that everything came back good and we are in the clear.

**7:20 PM Treasurer and Membership Report**

1. Currently have $80K in the bank. We do have regular expenses. Annual Imagine campaign is not included in this total - $40K will be coming from Foundation.
2. Gala goal - $60K
3. Membership is the same versus last report

**7:25 PM Additional discussion items**

1. Teacher appreciation week – week of 5/5
2. Lunch for teachers on 5/8. Parents are bringing in desserts. Toni has volunteered to help.
3. Idea: To get 6th graders to help serve
4. Need help with new school orientation – Tara Fulkerson is doing room rep duties. We need a parent to coordinate new school orientation
5. Duties include:
   * + Updates to handbook
     + Work with office to ensure booklets get
     + Attending new school orientation
6. Summer concert and welcome back picnic – 8/22. We need 20 people to help put it together. Last year, we ran out of food and didn’t have a lot of table room for food.
7. Cone Zone – need 1-2 parents to volunteer to manage cone zone. New kids will be trained before end of school. Duties: throw 2 parties a year, communication with Officer Tim. Coordination with parents for schedules. Goal: To get more staff members out there in the morning. If no one volunteers it won’t happen next year. Need someone to step up in next 30 days. Information will be put in blast, on facebook and information will be handed out to kids.
8. Idea: Reach out to parents that are on safety patrol. Any volunteers?
9. 8th grade promotion – plans to have in the park. We have 60 days left. Issue: Permit cost - $200. Mrs. Roeder only paid $53 for Jog-a-thon. 7th grade parents volunteer to do the work so 8th grade parents enjoy it. Geralyn is the contact this year.
10. If park option doesn’t work. Use the lower lunch area for seating and have the kids walk across the chatio.
11. Lara needs info for Blast and FB write up

**7:33 PM Round table**

1. Holly DelaVega – chairing book club for spring. Looking for volunteers
2. Nominations for teachers closes 5/6
3. Candy Grams are being sold by ASB during recess – distributed on 5/18. Parents can purchase candy grams.
4. Great schools website – write a review – our school could get $5K sweepstakes. More reviews the higher probability we would win
5. 5/3 – future Pointers track meet is taking place. Grades K-8. Sunset View holds the medal for last year. Grant students are in practice on Weds after school. Ms Roeder and Ms Harris are coaching
6. Talent show auditions are happening soon. Applications need to be turned into the office
7. San Diego Canoe and Kayak team is offering summer classes
8. Pt. Loma HS has junior cheer camps over the summer – Grade 5-8
9. Grant Academic League Quiz Bowl team – Invitation to national competition and we just placed 3rd. Trevor Burns was the #1 rated top answerer.
10. Lost and found was donated. The new stuff was given away too. The new and old stuff was co-mingled.
11. In the morning we are going to offer a parent play day. Add additional activities so parents can participate with their kids to celebrate health and fitness.
12. Next week PE – teaching kids gymnastics. May meeting idea: gymnastics demonstration

**7:40 PM Adjourn**