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PTA General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 6:30 p.m.
@1425 Washington Place, School Auditorium

6:30 p.m. Call to Order – Holly Wright

Attendance – Board members present: Holly Wright, president; Monica Sheppard, secretary; Annie Bates, VP; Anne Anthony, VP;

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: Lara gates motions to approve the minutes from October General PTA meeting. Annie Bates seconds. Motions passes. Minutes approved.

6:35

- Lara Gates, update from Mission Hills Garden Club. Mr. Gates working on drawings for Gecko Garden. Will be submitted Dec 1st to school district for approval. Proposing January celebration, ground breaking and to invite Garden Club to present \$12,000 check. Perhaps the music students could play? Once approved will need to drill pylons for the structur and put up Fencing. Shouldn't take long once started. Will need volunteers for the move probably over 2 weekends.
- Mission Hills nursery fundraiser: selling Christmas trees, 10% back to Grant. Also a holiday party at the nursery on Dec 8th at 2 pm. PTA pitch in for snacks?
- Can we get a new CA flag? Military family is donating a new US flag to the school. Will look into a new CA flag as well.

6:40 Administrative Updates (15 minutes)

- Principal Kathy Lorden: This is Conference week. Half days every day for elementary.
- Thursday is National Parent participation day: Reading a story and having pie at drop off in the classrooms. Parents are invited to stay.
- Friday MCRD turkey trot for Middle and Elem after school. Patrice Shoemaker is contact.
- District wide cross country meet being planned. Thank you to Patrice Shoemaker and Erik Karpinsky.
- Book Fair week theme is Western. Wednesday Dec. 6 Food service is providing Western BBQ. Parents invited to come have lunch with kids. Spirit day as well.
- Friday before winter break is the school sing-a-long.
- Protocol for school emergencies: there are district plans and school plans. Active shooter: lockdown mode. No entry to campus. Communication on school police radio. SDPD would be contacted by school police. Message thru school messenger to parents as soon as possible. Reunification info would be sent out. Strict pick up policy after an incident. Make sure to sign visitor log when entering the school. This log is for safety as well as to track number of volunteer hours.

6:55 Presentation Items

- Call for Volunteers–Book Fair sign up on website.

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- Halloween Carnival report. No final numbers yet. Feedback: lights issue due to construction. Otherwise went well.
- Parent Survey (Mica) to provide teachers with a school wide list of parent skill sets to draw upon. This is in the works.
- Imagine Campaign update: Kristin Boyd. \$60,000 raised so far. Goal 65K!! Classroom campaign was a huge success. Kids loved the ice cream party. Thank you Jill and Linda Kennedy. Previous 20% participation increased to over 50%.

7:00 Action Items

- Treasurer's report –posted by Lance Harris. I would like to make a motion to approve the release of checks 4514, 4515, and checks 4391 – 4407 for expenditures approved in the budget and approve the October financial report. Dana Lingard seconds. Motion passes.
- Audit—Will be presented by auditor next month.
- Holly Wright Motions to approve request from Dave Martocchio for the PTA to extend insurance to cover his December and March. Anne Anthony seconds. Motion passes.
- Discussion to extend PTA insurance for “Parents’ Night Out” in December, dates TBD (It is a fundraiser held by the 8th graders raising money for their trip to the East Coast.) Can PTA cover childcare? Will need to check with state PTA.
- Gala 2/24—Coasterra space will be free. Tickets will cover food ~ \$65. Not doing baskets for auctions. Intention to have fun, not fundraise. Still plan to sell class art, wine. Art/wine show theme. Anne Anthony Motions to release funds in the line item from the approved budget for gala deposits. Annie Bates seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- Jog a thon set for Feb 8.
- Hockey equipment—do we need a motion to approve cost of new equipment (unless this was already in the budget) discuss next meeting with more input from the treasurer regarding budget.
- Desperate need for recess equipment. Parent (Erin Clark) working with Ms. Kidder and other teachers. List being made for 1st and 2nd grade needs. Send to the website to post to every one so people can donate equipment. Accountability system being created.

Roundtable 7:20.

Mission Hills 5k. March 10th. Tickets will be on sale next week. Let Kristin Boyd know of any companies interested in sponsoring. Permit for 1200 runners. Last year had 700.

Holiday Food Drive: Grant committed to filling 3 barrels. Until Friday. Gecko trait this month is courage.

Pairing with anti-bullying campaign. Please talk with your kids about how to be courageous and stand up to bullies.

Adjourn. 7:25