

## **Grant PTA Meeting**

**May 9, 2017**

The meeting called to order by Jessica Lieder at 6:35 p.m.

Board members present: Jessica Lieder, Dan Sakai, Anne Anthony, Principal Lorden, Laura More, Rachel Kennedy, Talkine Tokatlian

### **Meeting Minutes**

Jill Baltan requested a correction to the April meeting minutes, the announcement of Spirit day was not made by her. A motion to adopt the minutes as amended was made by Taline Tokatlian and was seconded by Dana Lingard. The motion passed.

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

There will be a thank you lunch for school volunteers in the Garden at 1:30 – there is childcare available in Mr. Martocchio's room.

We are heading into testing season. Elementary students starting in grade 3 will begin standardized testing in the morning next week. Help students get a good night's sleep and encourage them to do their best. The middle school component follows the elementary school.

There are a few more field trips planned. Junior Model UN will be competing at USD at the end of the month. We have 97 students participating – a record number. There are some students who moved to other schools and have chosen to compete with Grant.

There will be some changes in the middle school history and other classes. There will be a middle school parent meeting at 5:00 on June 6<sup>th</sup> before the June Jubilee which will start at 6:30.

The new building construction is on track and will open for the school year in August 2017.

### **Update of Events - Jessica Lieder**

Tomorrow May 10<sup>th</sup> is bike/walk to school day. If biking or scootering please wear their helmets.

The book fair is this week. The book fair will end Friday morning when school starts.

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Mission Hills Garden Walk. 50 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Grant for the relocation of the Gecko Garden. Lunch is provided with your ticket (from Lazy Acres).

### **Foundation Update – Jill Baltan**

A big thank you to Jessica Lieder for all her help on the auction and all the efforts of parents for the Gala.

Encourage people to attend the garden walk. The Foundation is working on their budget for next year as well. Looking to continue to fund the Math Transformations. Next year will also be the first year of the new science standards – trying to help fund assistance for the teachers to adapt to the new standards.

Pavers are still for sale until May 15<sup>th</sup> – there are 3 sizes for \$150, \$300, and \$1000.

### **Board Elections – Laura More**

Laura More nominated the following persons for PTA Board positions next year: A motion was made to elect Annie Bates for VP1 – the motion passed.

A motion was made to elect Monica Sheppard as PTA Secretary. The motion passed.

The PTA is still in need of a President/Co-President.

Taline Tokatlian will continue as the Historian, Lance Harris will continue as the Treasurer and Anne Anthony will continue as VP2.

### **Treasurer's Report – Dan Sakai**

The Historian's report was sent to the PTA council – we had about 24,000 volunteer hours which is valued at about \$21/hour, for an estimated value of approximately \$504,000.

We had approximately \$38,400 in revenues last month. \$589 donations from the community, \$425 from the Red Door fundraiser, and \$429 from Steely Farms. There were some expenses from Jog-a-thon and the funds that went to the teacher's classrooms, \$1033 for assemblies, middle school promotion and the salaries for science coordinator and art teacher.

The financial for April, December, and February have been posted to the website.

Dan Sakai made a motion to release the checks 4288-4290 and approve the revised December and January and April financial report. The motion was seconded by Dana Lingard. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Dan Sakai to enter in a contract with Premium rentals for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and for 3 contracts for the Halloween Carnival – Equinox, My little carnival, and Hot Dog on a Stick. The deposits will be in next year's budget. The motion was seconded by Jill Baltan. The motion passed.

### **Halloween Carnival Update -Dana Lingard**

The Halloween Carnival will be at night on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, with possibly a movie afterwards. Anna Lowe, Jen Smith, and Dana Lingard are heading up the Halloween Carnival. There will be some new vendors including a petting zoo.

### **2017-2018 Budget – Dan Sakai**

We tried to keep most of the programs that we had in the past. We have about 5% less anticipated revenue than last year. Some programs such as the separate wine event and the Jamba Juice have been eliminated. Dan highlighted the various areas of the budget. Made some adjustments to the digital subscriptions – Sum Dog will only be for math. Reduced hospitality category to reflect the historic spending – we haven't spent all the budgeted funds in recent years. The proposed budget is \$2,200 short. We can potentially use reserves to make up the different, reduce the professional development, will also look at the final numbers from the Gala this year to see if we can assume a higher revenue based on the funds raised this year.

Question as to if we may need to pay additional teacher/staff salaries. It was noted that the District now has more limitations as to what foundations and PTAs can pay for. There is an elimination of the Library Tech position but will receive some time for a Library Assistant (for fewer hours). It is no longer permitted for a PTA to fund a position. May be able to supplement a position – but would need to get

District approval, which is unlikely. Tonight the District will be having the Board meeting to accept or not accept the early retirement package. Thursday is the day that lay-off notices will be or not be recalled. The proposed budget for next year will be introduced at the June meeting. The Budget Committee tried to be realistic on the projected revenues. Parents can email Dan or Jessica with any questions or comments.

### **Roundtable**

Anne Anthony – Quiz Bowl competed at Madison High School last weekend and played a tough league. Did not win but did a good job. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students compete. Thanked the PTA for funding the fees to participate.

Principal Lorden –SDSU had an art contest and we had a number of students who winners – it was socially conscious art with the theme of “education for all” and gay pride.

The June Jubilee will be held on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra concert at 6 for orchestra and 7 for the band.

Teachers will be doing their usual composition of classes at the end of the year but won't be finalized until August. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be most impacted as there are retirements in that grade. Staff will be doing some kindergarten workshops before school to help determine grouping of students. There will be a stand-alone TK class again next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.m. by Jessica Lieder