

Grant PTA Meeting

June 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Lieder at 6:37 p.m.

Members Present: Jessica Lieder, Dan Sakai, Juliet Davenport, Anne Anthony, Rachel Kennedy Taline Tokatlian, Principal Lorden

Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the May, 2017 meeting minutes as posted was made by Juliet Davenport and seconded by Jill Baltan. The motion passed.

Science Olympiad

Students from the Science Olympiad presented a book of thanks to the PTA for their support and provided information on some of the events they participated in. There is a need for more coaches to allow the students to prepare for and participate in more events. You don't need to have a science background to be a coach. 1-2 hours a week commitment.

Administrative Update – Principal Lorden

It has been a great year. There has been a lot of professional development this year – math training, new standards for science. There are a few grants have been procured that have allowed for some additional teacher training. The new building is getting closer to being done. Some teacher have been able to get a sneak-peak. There is no concern about not opening on time. We don't have an official ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled yet with District staff. There will probably be a soft opening with a ribbon that the kids can cut on the first day of school. There may be a sneak peak of the cafeteria at the teacher reveal. 3-5th grades will be in a new building. Will be hiring 3 new 5th grade teachers. The existing 5th grade teachers will be teaching elsewhere – 2 in middle school, 1 in kindergarten. Principal Lorden has been very impressed with the teachers that have been interviewing for the positions. Ms. Ashe and Ms. Tyson are retiring, Barbara from the front office and Doc from custodial services are also retiring. To date we don't have a vice principal for next year. Going to put together some systems in place to help fill the void. Can write letters to school board members regarding the need to keep a VP at Grant.

Event Updates – Jessica Lieder

Classroom reveal will be held on August 25th more detail to follow. No back to school BBQ this year.

Foundation Update – Jill Baltan

Feels fortunate that the science committee is preparing for the new science standards. Acknowledged Kristen Boyd for the Mission Hills 5K. Imagine Campaign – raised \$8,000 in the end of the year push. The Foundation needs a secretary and a new Imagine Campaign chair. Please let Jill know if you are interested.

Action Items

FY 2017 Budget Overview – Dan Sakai

Made a couple edits from last month. Dan highlighted the projected revenues and expenses and categories of funding. Have a projected surplus of \$450. This year we are projecting a \$1600 surplus in the final budget. The programs being supported are similar in FY 2016 and 2017. Dan Sakai made a motion to accept the proposed budget as draft. Seconded by Juliet Davenport. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

FY 2016 Budget – Dan Sakai

We have a fairly large reserve after the projected spending through June. In May had an income from Gala and the Book Fair. The Gala had revenues of over \$27,000 and May expenses were over \$19,000 the largest cost being the salary and benefits for the art and science teachers, as well as some expenses from the Gala, Jog-a-thon and printing. The balance on hand at end of May was approximately \$101,000. Dan Sakai made a motion to release checks 4311-4388 to release – first Dan, second Juliet Davenport. The Foundation has provided the PTA with their donation. The PTA currently has a \$19,000 surplus. Dan Sakai made a motion to allocated approximately \$3000 to the Science Dept. for purchase of various science supplies (potentially including a critter cam, outdoor weather station, rain barrels, skeleton and other items); \$1100 to the physical education department for Lacrosse and other sports supplies; and \$14,900 to Kathy for subscriptions, field trips, and school supplies. The motion was seconded by Juliet Davenport. The motion passed.

Roundtable

The PTA is still in need of a president or co-presidents for next year.

Jessica Lieder acknowledged all the outgoing Board members and incoming Board members.

Anne Anthony and Principal Lorden acknowledged the Board and 8th grade students.

Principal Lorden has been approached about hosting Chinese exchange students for 2 week periods. Would hopefully live with Grant families and attend school. They are interested in learning about creativity in the classroom. There are a number of schools in the District who are involved in the program – such as Roosevelt. The students would likely be middle school aged students, although host families do not need to have a middle school student. Would be looking for input from parents to see if there is interest and would there be sufficient families to host.

A PTA member noted that the Jr. Model UN program has been a very positive experience for her 3 daughters.