

Grant PTA Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th

Jessica Lieder called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Board Members Present: Jessica Lieder, Dan Sakai, Juliet Davenport, Meredith Emory, Alisa Loigman, Rachel Kennedy, Laura More, Steve Gillespie, Rachel Kennedy

Approval of meeting minutes as written. Motion made by Jessica Lieder, seconded by Dan Sakai. Motion passed.

Administrative Updates – Principal Lorden

We have a new district anti-bullying policy which includes an online reporting tool. Policy is posted on the school webpage.

Principal Lorden has received some emails from parents regarding suspicious persons in the park. When information is received, Principal Lorden reaches out to the school police. If people of concern are seen near school the school contacts the school police.

Principal Lorden met with the school architect today about the design for the security doors. Will have a series of engineers on campus tomorrow to review the designs. There is a 3 month time frame for finalizing the designs. The plan is to have the doors in place for when school begins in late August.

While preparing the budget for next year Principal Lorden wants to get input from the school community. We receive a small amount of money from the Local Control Funding formula. Goal 1- intervention supports – part-time library tech salary. Goal 2 – classroom supports. Funds used to pay for classroom teachers to assist students after school or retired teachers during school. Additional teaching materials are also purchased. Goal 3 – professional development – teachers need additional professional development support to best implement the common core standards and design more effective lessons and analyze student data. The goals are for designed for all students to achieve. Want to have all students to have opportunities. Three posters with 3 questions located at the back of the room – What is working and should be continued? What is needed or needs improvement? What are the priorities – the most important next steps? School site council meeting on February 29th. How much money is allocated per student? About \$119 per qualifying student. This has increased compared to last year's amount. The superintendent has been working with the state around the overall school budget. California is 48th in the country for per pupil spending. The figure that the superintendent brought back put us only in the middle range. SD is the 2nd largest district in the state. Challenging to run a district of this size and the diverse needs of schools in the district.

Presentation Items

Presentation of Thank you card to the Wood family for generous donation to the 6th grade camp fund.

Jog-a-thon Update – Eric Karpinski

3 weeks from Thursday will be having our 33 annual jog-a-thon at Pioneer Park. We are using a new online funding tool. Each child can create their own page – it makes it easy to share with others. If 85% of the classroom registers 10% of funds raised by the class will go directly to the teacher for classroom

needs. Pep rally February 10th to kick-off the fundraising. Going to have a big party afterwards – glow in the dark theme.

Nominating Committee – Laura More

The nominating committee needs to develop the descriptions for the positions and post them in the front of the school. We need 3 members and 1 alternate. Would probably need to meet one time. Laura will participate in the committee Tim Kerrsen, Taline Tokatlian and Jill Baltan (alternate).

Upcoming Events – Jessica Lieder

Jog-a-thon – March 9th

Mission Hills 5K Update – March 19th

Grant Gala - April 22nd

PTA membership 262 members including a number of teachers.

Sock Hop – very successful. Raised \$1141 for 6th grade camp. Sees candy \$1100 for 6th grade camp. Recognized Ginger Tyson and Dan Sakai for all their efforts in raising funds for 6th grade camp.

Boudin Bakery in Mission Valley – Feb. 24th – fundraiser for Grant.

Reminder to use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon

ASB Announcement – Gianna Segale (ASB President)

Been putting ASB reps at the trash cans to assure that trays that are recyclable are recycled.

February 18th Formal day – can also wear Grant gear.

Grant movie night – April 22nd – dinner will not be served. For TK-5th.

Gala Update – Jen Smith and Anna Lowe

Friday April 22nd – event will be held at Stone Brewery in Liberty Station from 6-10 pm. Auction tables won't close until after 7pm. Crafting a Brighter Future (no costumes or themes).

Working to reach out to local businesses to donations. If you have something to donate – please contact Anna or Jen. Teachers are offering time for experiences.

Will be updating the FAQs on the website.

Planning to list some of the items for auction online beforehand.

Mission Hills 5k Update – Kristin Boyd

Please register for the event. We will be closing off the streets in Mission Hills. Information provided about the streets. \$25 for adults \$15 for children under 15 years old. T-shirts will be given away to participants. Fancier t-shirts available for \$35. Karen is heading up the after-party preparations and would love assistance. Volunteers for water etc. are also needed on March 19th.

Imagine Update – Jill Baltan

The Imagine Campaign supports STEAM programs at Grant. Have raised about \$52,000 this year – annual goal of \$65,000.

Motion to approve the K-8 art show to take place on June 4th from 5-7 pm to extend the insurance policy. Art show for Sarah Ekedal as part of her contract with the school. The event will be held off campus at a church. There is no cost to rent the facility. Motion made by Jessica Lieder– to extend the insurance policy for the art show on June 4th, second by Ginger Tyson. Motion passed.

2016-2017 Academic Year Update for Elementary & Middle School

As we start budgeting for next year we are also starting to have middle school students selecting their electives. We offer Spanish as an elective to help prepare students for the requirements for entering the University of California and CA state colleges. We have traditionally offered an afterschool PE class to allow students to take both Spanish and music as electives. Helps to keep us more equal to our free-standing middle school counterparts and helps to prepare students for the IB program. With what is given to the Principal's allocation cannot afford to continue to pay for the option. Need PTA support to continue the afterschool PE class. It is 20% of a teacher's salary and benefit package. Trying to look forward for next year and is in the process of developing the master schedule now. Estimated cost of \$18,000. Alisa Loigman, Treasurer, noted that there should be approximately \$45,000 left to transfer to next year's budget if we don't spend any more money this year. Ms. Valeska is part of the regular budget allocation. What were the results of the student survey? We have a number of students (in the 40s) who would want to take advantage of the opportunity to take language and music and take after school PE. The PE teacher starts 2nd period and stays for 7th period. Looking to offer Spanish I/II and III/IV. This year only 7th and 8th graders were only allowed to do the afterschool PE class. Would the 6th graders also be able to have that option this year? Looking at option to also having the option. Jessica Lieder – motion to add a line item for the 2016-2017 budget to fund a .2 teacher in the approximate cost of \$18,000. Seconded by Alisa Loigman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Book fair brought in about \$6000 which stays in Scholastic dollars to buy books for the classrooms. Hoping to bring in net of \$20,000 for jog-a-thon. Every 6 months the books are audited. They are currently with auditor – Vicky Knapp. Alisa is working on the amended budget with amendments we have already voted on. Please email Alisa with ideas for next year's budget. Alisa is terming out of the treasure position.

Motion to approve January 2016 budget expenses of \$11,779. Motion by Alisa, second by Ginger Tyson. Motion passed.

Roundtable

Ginger Tyson acknowledged the Science Fair coaches and teachers.

Karen Farson – will be taking over the talent show this year and will be sending out a flier by February 19th. Auditions will be held in early March and acts will be selected by late March. The show will be in June. Katie Hanson will be assisting Ms. Farson.

Anne Anthony – We are having 3 book fairs this year. Volunteers are needed and you can sign-up online. Thank you for support of Quiz Bowl. Going to UCSD this weekend for an event.

Steve Gillespie – Thank you for the PTA Board for purchasing a new lectern. Helps to create a professional decorum.

It is National School Counselor week – please thank Ms. Patty for all the work she does for the school and students.

Jessica Lieder adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.