

Grant PTA Meeting

March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Jessica Lieder

Board Members in Attendance: Dan Sakai, Jessica Lieder, Juliet Davenport, Laura More, Taline Tokatlian, Lance Harris, Principal Lorden, Rachel Kennedy

Meeting Minutes

Juliet Davenport made a motion to approve minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Taline Tokatlian. Motion passed

Administrative Update – Principal Lorden

There will be an orientation and tour for middle school families next week.

Ms. Valeska had a goal of 25 students in the District honor band and orchestra for this year. 37 student qualified. On the 18th SD Unified honor band and orchestra will perform at Point Loma Nazarene University. One of our students is the concert master for the concert.

The District has sent out some preliminary pink slips which are done based on seniority with the District. The notices won't be official until after the May budget revise.

Not sure when the ribbon cutting for the new buildings will happen – might be the first day of school. The new building which is currently under construction will contain third-fifth grade classrooms, the new cafeteria, and teacher lounge.

Cindy Martin will be coming for the Mission Hills 5K and some other District staff also may be running.

Events Update – Jessica Lieder

There have been some changes to the paver campaign. There are \$150, \$300, and \$1000 pavers for sale. The deadline for ordering the pavers has been changed to May 15th and they will be installed over the summer. The Garden walk is May 13th and volunteers are needed to sell tickets and be garden greeters. Needs about 40 garden greeters – people who stand at each house – there are 2 shifts 9:45-1 and from 12:45-4:00. Hoping to raise close to \$25,000 for the garden and outdoor science lab.

The Jog-a-thon was a big success. Acknowledgement of Eric Karpinski and team for a successful event. Around \$45,000 (gross) was raised.

Mission Hills 5K – Jill Baltan

More than 600 people have registered. They are looking for another 10 volunteers to be on the route to hand out water. Last year it netted \$15,000 dollars. Acknowledgement of Kristen Boyd and the 5K team for all their work. Packet pick-up will be at 4-6 at Kettle and Stone. If you can't pick it up on Thursday you can get it on Saturday morning starting at 6:30 a.m.

Imagine Campaign – Jill Baltan

Imagine Campaign is at about \$47,000. Running the afterschool scholarship program. One scholarship per class also have a special class in STEM that was funded with a scholarship. Acknowledgement of the Science Committee parents who are working to help implement the new science standards at Grant. Principal Lorden pointed out that we are one of the few elementary schools that have started to implement the new standards at the elementary school level.

Wine Event/Gala – Maurice DiMarino

The event will be held on May 6th at 57 Degrees with a Baja theme. Have invited 15 wineries from Baja California and they will be pouring their wines and some craft breweries. The sales of wine will go back to the school. There will be a DJ playing Latin music. The event is from 5:30-11:00 p.m.. Dinner will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$50 and it includes all food and drinks. Will have a live auction and some items will be available via raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 a ticket. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance on PayPal. Looking to use some proceeds to fund some teacher requested items. Will be asking each grade to provide items for a basket. The event will be opened to Grant families from 5:30-7:00 and the open to the general community from 7:00-11:00. Some of the Grant related auction items (teacher experiences, art etc.) will be only auctioned to Grant families. Some other items will be auctioned 8:30 with the larger group. Tickets are \$50 before April 15th and \$65 after April 15th. No childcare will be provided.

Nomination Committee Update – Laura More

Laura will be doing more outreach in the next month. Will need to replace the president(s), vice president 1, parliamentarian, and secretary.

Action Items

Treasurer's Report – Lance Harris

There were approximately \$4000 in revenues for February - \$3,300 in Jog-a-thon Income, \$250 from Amazon, and \$409 in community donations. There were approximately \$15,375 expenses in the month of February which included: Checks 4261 (voided), 4264 - 4268, 4270, and 4271 for \$5,900 for Jog-a-thon related expenses; Checks 4262 and 4263 (\$4,685) for art and science teachers' salary; Check 4269 (\$735) 6th Grade Camp; Check 4272 (\$3,900) for Math Transformations; and \$80 in General and Administrative expenses.

For the month of February we ran at a deficit of approximately \$11,300. We also had \$455 in cleared checks that were written in past months and \$3,558 in checks not yet cleared, resulting in an ending cash on hand balance of \$61,421.

Jill Baltan made a motion to approve the release of checks 4261 – 4272 and approve February's financial report. The motion was seconded by Ginger Tyson. The motion passed.

Audit – Dan Sakai

Have sufficient funds that were raised to fund 6th grade camp. Would like to make a motion to reallocate for \$3000 from the 6th Grade camp funds to fund Math Transformations. Motion made by Jill Baltan and seconded by Ginger Tyson. The motion passed.

Mid-year audit – our auditor Rong He has completed her report and has submitted it to the Board and has found it substantially correct . A motion to adopt the mid-year audit report was made by Jill Baltan and seconded by Lance Harris. The errors were minor bookkeeping items. The audit will be filed with the Council and it goes into their records. The motion would adopt the audit report that has already been reviewed by the Executive Board. The motion passed.

Ginger Tyson – the 6th graders will be at camp next week. Thank you from the 6th graders for support of camp.

The meeting adjourned by Dan Sakai at 7:33 p.m.