

Grant PTA Meeting

November 1, 2016

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ginger Tyson, seconded by Laura More. The motion passed.

Vice Principal Jakl noted that Juliet Davenport, Chris Kahn, have been elected to the Site Council.

Ballots are available for electing the parent members of the SGT. There are 2 vacancies.

The school choice applications will close on November 14th. There are currently 114 choice students attending Grant. School tours are available on Thursday mornings.

The Superintendent paid a surprise visit to the school and participated in the Halloween Parade.

A questions was raised on the status with the 4th grade teacher and staff restructuring. Staff has determined they will keep the students in the current classes at this point in the year and provide extra support where there are larger classes. Push-in and pull out support with the special-ed support. As of today, the District will not be supplying another teacher and it is highly unlikely that we could get another teacher at this point.

Upcoming events

Brooklyn Girl fundraiser, Wednesday December 14th. The December meeting will highlight the orchestra with a concert. In January there will be a special speaker at the PTA meeting. February will feature the capital campaign.

November 4th will be Science Night – open to all elementary school grades. Food will be available for purchase and will support 6th grade camp.

Imagine Campaign – Vivica Hess

The Imagine Campaign raises funds for the science and art programs at the school. Vivica highlighted the different membership levels and their benefits. We are just under \$40,000 mark.

Foundation Update – Jill Baltan

The Foundation is the second non-profit for Grant to support and enhance the academic achievement at Grant – STEAM programs. Raise the funds through the Imagine Campaign to fund the salary of the science coordination and art instruction in the elementary school. Have a science committee looking at the new science standards that will be in place next year. Working with Lara Gates to relocate the Gecko Garden and Outdoor Science Lab.

ASB Report – Josh

Thank you for the sponsorship of the dance – there were about 180 students. Made a profit of \$185. Having a mock election on November 8th and will announce the results the following day. ASB will have a spirit day on November 30th – wear red, white, and blue.

Treasurer Report – Lance Harris

Lance Harris made a motion to approve the release of checks of 4200 – 4213 for budgeted and pre-approved checks totaling \$25,500 and once again note the error discussed in last month's meeting in the "cleared in current month" and "not yet cleared" from (\$18,719) and zero to (\$25,920) and \$7,201, respectively. The motion was seconded by Dan Sakai. The motion passed.

Lance Harris made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's report that included checks 3969 – 3985 and 4142 – 4155 written for pre-approved budgeted expenses totaling approximately \$37,834. In total there was \$48,644 in income (\$48,000 coming from the imagine campaign) and \$42,778 in expenses, yielding a net monthly income of \$5,886 with \$911 checks cleared in the current month and \$26,711 not yet cleared for an balance on hand at the end of month of \$139,743. The motion was seconded by Laura More. The motion passed.

October – cannot have the full report as we don't have the statement from the bank due to the early meeting. The PTA began the month with a checking balance of \$84,218 wrote checks 4214 - 4245 and payments of \$17,574 with deposits of \$11,266 and had an ending cash on hand balance of \$77,910. The October report will be discussed in more detail next month.

The expenses and revenues in the month of October were largely associated with the Halloween Carnival. In Summary: revenue posted in October ~\$10,500, revenue to be posted in November (via PayPal sales) is ~\$6,400, total revenue of \$16,900 (over budget \$15,000). Expenses \$11,581 (under budget \$12,000), resulting in an estimated net revenue of approximately \$5,300.

Other significant October expenses included annual dues to the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs including workers comp, membership dues as of the end of October, and insurance.

The PTA recognized Jill Parkey for her leadership and work on the Halloween Carnival.

The books are being audited for the second half of last year.

Roundtable

The PTA is looking at different opportunities for the children to help do a more tangible charitable giving activity. Ideas will shared on the mock-election ballot including supporting the Monarch School, Rady Children's hospital – blankets and toys, and a family shelter. Hope to put forward 2-4 options on the ballot. The month of January will be the time where the items would be collected. Still planning to do the holiday toy drive. PTA members mentioned additional charities including: Feeding America – can donate labor to sort the cans, a Grant family who delivers food to the homeless and is in the process of setting up a non-profit, and the Home Delivery program (in the neighborhood). May have an assembly in January with a speaker on giving.

Science Night – November 4th from 6:00-7:30

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by Jessica Lieder