**PTA Meeting Notes**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

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**6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – Lara Gates

**Attendance** – Recognition of Quorum, Trustee Introductions

**Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

* Motion to approve – Whitney, second- Stacey. Motion approved. Passes unanimously

**6:40 PM Administrative Updates**

* Principal – Don Craig
  + Introduction of new VP – Mike Jakl – been with Grant for 4 weeks.
  + Budgets are coming in the next couple of weeks – reports to come next meeting
  + PTA is currently funding several positions
    - Need current teacher allocation
      * Recent budget revise from Governor – Analyst are reviewing. What we are hearing from Superintendant is that is good but it’s not better. Staffing and money will be flat year over year
      * We are up against the wall for facilities – no extra rooms/classrooms
    - Finally got last Special Ed teacher in place - Marissa Clark. Started last week.
    - Laurie Reinas is new substitute teacher for Grant (she is a parent at Grant). Laurie was ex PTA president
  + Parent question – staffing on lunch supervision
    - We are allocated 2 people for 3 hours. Anything else is taken out of unrestricted fund. Bobby is additional person we pay hourly – she doesn’t work Thursdays. Antoinette is here 2-3 days a week. Sometimes we have a 5th part-time person but we don’t have that person in place now. Struggle is budget and finding someone
  + Teacher question – update on canyon project
    - Latest update is project is scheduled for beginning in March. Will happen behind Mr. Montes room
    - They will go through parking lot and through back gate (through Garden)
    - Heavy equipment is coming - more details to come
    - Some of the garden containers are going to be moved so we can maintain it
    - Fencing details are still TBD. Need to fix blow out and broken pipe
    - As part of Phase 1 school rebuild – we are having a turf field in. Need this done before turf field is put in
  + Parent question – need 2 new vacuums for janitors. Last purchase was 2 years ago. Currently, according to Franco, don’t have 1 good vacuum. Don to see if there is custodial budget.
* Treasurer’s Report – Alisa
  + $108K in bank account. So far, raised $72K and spent about $56K. Netting about $17K. We are on track to meet budget
  + Funding for .2 music teacher – waiting for exact salary amount. We paid a little more for Spanish teacher. Reallocating funds to music teacher
    - Motion to release funds for music teacher not to exceeds budgeted amount. Motion – Whitney, Second – Stacey. Motion approved
  + Book fair funds – raised $7,200
  + Received $651 from box tops
  + Jamba Juice – 3 weeks - $123
  + Wine event – proceeds from sales of wine bottles - $697
  + Brooklyn Girl - $600
  + Christmas Trees - $400
  + Stehly farm check coming – expecting $500
  + Motion to ratify net expenses from 12/10/2014 through 1/12/2015 totaling $7,695.84. Net expenses include checks ranging 3744 through 3748 and electronically processed expenses. Expenses include administrative fees, Jogathan expenses, marketing expenses, Science Coordinator and technology expenses (GoDaddy, Quickbooks, and Constant Contact).
    - Motion – Stacey, Second – Whitney. Motion passes.
* Foundation/Imagine Campaign Report – Julie Morgan
  + Jill Baltan is lead on Imagine Campaign – so far brought in $50K
    - Recognition of Imagine Campaign committee
    - We are about 15% from goal ($65K)
  + Received update from John Snyder on tech programs for school
    - This month dipping into tech wearables
    - Invited Dan Stowman, Chief Innovative Officer for District, is coming to the school to get a glimpse of the program
    - Talk about plans for tech lab for the future. Hoping to get some support
  + Alumni Committee – led by Valerie Goodpastor
    - Alumni reunion in celebration of centennial
      * Feb 28th @ Brooklyn Girl- invitations are out. Starting to sell tickets. Starting online campaign soon
      * The event will be a luncheon
      * Forward information to any alumni
  + Update on tech from Steve Gillespie – Year 1 will be replaced in the next week – 3rd grade and all of middle school
* ASB Report – Elizabeth
  + Thank you for the sock up. It was really successful. Received good feedback and have some good tips for next year. Almost 300 kids came. All ASB kids worked and were excellent chaperones. Big thank you to Mrs. Farson
  + On January 28th is Pajama Day (Spirit Day)
  + In February, starting the magazine sales – run for 3 weeks.
    - Funds raised will be used to get a new audio system for events. Current one is in poor condition. 8th grade party – at end of the year. All school family movie night – movie TBD . Spring day formal dance (Middle school students). Junior Gala Party. Grams and Spirit day candies. External lights for light events. Any extra monies can go to next year’s ASB funds
  + Currently $ in ASB fund is $700
  + Trying to raise $7,500
* Membership Campaign Report – Whitney
  + Membership is growing. We have 259 members. There is approximately 500 families
  + No one won ice cream party
* Update from Lara: We have an opportunity to apply for a $3K grant to have some kind of bike event. Lara does not have time to organize. Is anyone interested? The grant is due January 31st.
  + Steve Gillespie could ask contact (bike rodeo) if they can fill out application for us. He will let Lara know
  + Mission Hills Town Council may bring bike to raffle off
* Parent comment: 1st grade teacher (Mrs. Harris) suggested doing a drawing assembly. Cost is $900. Need another school wide assembly. Topic will be added to February agenda for further discussion
  + We have budget dollars for $1000
  + PTA doesn’t currently have an assembly coordinator
  + We did have recycling assembly for K-5
* Lines on street and dots for cone zone – Officer Tim is working on it. They may be out tomorrow

**6:55 PM Action Items**

* Approval for pizza for cone zone thank you party – motion: Whitney, second: Rachel
  + Amendment to motion – to reallocate $200 from Chatio Meet and Greet budget to cone zone party – motion: Whitney, second: Keely. Motion passes

**7:00 PM Roundtable**

* Anne Anthony – looking for new pictures for website. Email to Anne Anthony first and last name and she will check release forms. Looking for lower grades. Don’t need to be huge files – files size: 300x 500. Tessa to email a few photos
* Anne Anthony - Thank you to Maggie Boyd for coordinating after school programs. Check the website for program information and how to sign up. Middle school programs have been added
  + Note: Video and sound recordings can be added to website
* Elena Banks – science fair is next week for 7th and 8th grade students. Have been working on projects since Sept.
  + Labs are closed down
  + If you would like to judge Tuesday and Wednesday (all day) see Elena or Giner – judging on creativity, project purpose, etc.
  + Thursday there is judging in morning – interview process. You are their first contact.
  + Last year we sent 10 students to the Greater San Diego and Engineering Fair. We have won some awards for topics – Biology and Chemistry
  + Lower age kids come check out boards
  + You can still judge if your child is in the science fair – you would just judge a different grade.
* Lydia – Gala Chair. Jessica is donation chair. Theme – The next 100 years – focus on the future.
  + Planning to start promotion 100 days prior to Gala
  + Update will be added to February agenda
  + Gala will be on May 2nd at NTC (Liberty Station)
  + Looking at caterers – more information to come
  + Childcare – if we do well with ASB magazine sale we will offer free child care from 5:45 – 10:15 (Junior Gala) – more details to come. Possibly will have donations accepted.

**7:12 PM Adjourn**