**Grant K8**

**PTA Meeting Summary**

**December 10, 2013**

6:30 PM - November minutes approved

6:35 PM – Principal’s Update – Don Craig

* English teacher in place – Mr. Zizzo – Grant Alumni. Has experience in common core.
* Spanish teacher – Ms. Chavez – in through the end of the semester – doesn’t want contract.
* Permanent 2 day a week (Thurs and Fri) PE teacher – Mr. Elliott – splits time with Coach Briscoe
* Budget timelines – in lull
  + Next year’s budget will be in Feb. Waiting to hear about class size info
  + First priority – reducing class size in primary grades and up
* Big priority – common core. Large amount of money for implementation
  + Next 6 months – 5 release days for teachers for planning
  + Trying to minimize impact to students by giving teachers ½ days
* Issues with sub availability district wide
* Asphalt repair – full asphalt redo in February is planned

6:42 PM – Imagine Campaign Update – Larry

* Hit $40K mark – still $20K behind Imagine Campaign goal
* Trying to raise $120K
* Ahead of last year’s mark – only made $40K last year
* Goal is to not be in catch up mode at end of year
* Letter went out in December but not actively recruiting
* January – pizza/viva pops party is reward for 100% participation

6:45 PM - Foundation/Centennial Committee Update – Julie

* Able to fill obligation that Foundation made – science coordinator - $35K
* 20% of families contributing
* Scrapbook being worked on
* Events being planned
* February – alumni mixer (date TBD)
* Still looking for people that went to Grant – looking for stories and sponsors
* In process of getting banners hung – Slots open January – June

6:50 PM - Jog-a-thon Update – Eric

* February 13th – will be a month earlier than usual
* Adding leadership and character building
  + Apex fun run – come to each classroom and talk to kids about character buildings
  + Theme = power up
  + First year in Southern California
  + Guaranteed we will raise as much as last year or they can’t get paid
  + There will be prizes at different levels
  + Had meeting with staff – teachers are excited
  + Awards ceremony = TBD (March)

6:52 PM – Grant Gala Update – Stacey

* April 26th or May 3rd
* Mardi Gras Theme
* Location – TBD. Grant Hotel was cut. Horton Grand as an option
* Met with room reps on Friday about classroom contributions – Request to shy away from art projects
* Donations being accepted

6:55 PM – Book Fair Update – Holly

* Day 2 - $4,000 dollars raised. Estimating to reach $10K
* Tomorrow is canned food drive – entered into raffle for each can
* Thursday – Cheesy Amigos food truck @ noon. Middle school students can participate. Vendor giving 10% back to school. Will be parked in small parking lot not at park
* Friday – donuts for dollars

7:00 PM – Food Workshop/Gecko Garden – Elena

* Garden trying to coordinate having food in cafeteria
  + Certification required
  + Can go on red cart in auditorium
  + Principal has approved. Will probably happen after New Year
* Grant Money - $300 from La Jolla Village Club
* Grant submitted to Whole Foods
* Participating in Farmer’s Market – raised $100 since Sept

7:02 PM – Talent Show

* Request to fund Graham’s position - $2400 (Talent show coordinator)
* Received $1K match by donor parents – would need to put out $1400
* $950 already in budget. Additional $450 needs to be approved.
* Photography done by digital lab
* Estimated revenue - $1K
* Motion approved. Request passed

7:05 PM – Request for PTA secretary - Lara

* Dana Lingard volunteered. Motion approved.

7:06 PM – Request to move PTA meeting to 6 pm – Lara

* Discussion tabled to next meeting in January

7:07 PM – ASB Dance

* Motion to approve ASB dance – approved
* Pajama theme – scheduled for January 31st

7:10 PM – Giving Back to Public School Program – Michael Lang

* Hand washing improvements needed
* Great for schools if we can provide hand sanitizer stations
* Michael’s company sells advertising on hand sanitizer dispensers
* Business Model – give back to school – give free case of hand sanitizer and dispenser to qualifying orders
* Wants to give overflow to Grant or equivalent in cash value (approx. $70)
* Goal – keep kids more healthy
* Foam option
* No cost to school
* Option – sunscreen dispenser – suggested by parent
* Suggestion to start in lunch area
* Motion Approved.

7:15 PM – budget discussion for Science Fair

* Travel cost associated for Science Fair and Geography B. Events happen in Spring
* Topic will be added to January Executive meeting

7:20 PM – Treasurer Report – Toni

* Budget is in good shape
* Taxes are done
* Membership = 170
* Balance sheet - $82 (end of Nov)
* Library funds – reassessing in Feb
* Money from Stehly Farm – TBD
* Brooklyn Girl money – getting this week

7:21 PM - Membership Update – Laurie

* Peter is accountant/computer guru – he collects membership dues
* Cheryl has volunteered to be at exec meetings and PTA meetings
* Laurie will be physical presence – do morning announcement, etc.
* Suggestion – add info to Blast – kick off in Jan
* Request for music performance to come to Jan Meeting
* Request for membership to be advertised at after school program. I.e. Kids Corner

7:30 PM Roundtable

* Winter showcase not scheduled this winter
  + Middle School has wait list. Not in position to fill middle school – not too worried about attrition
  + Parents requesting tours earlier – usually scheduled in March
  + Suggestion – give kids something with Middle school wording – 5th grade broadcast
  + Goal for middle school – one big spring event
  + Parents are concerned. Some may leave Grant
  + Parents can email Ms. Anthony any questions
  + Ms. Anthony to talk to Mr. Gillespie about doing something earlier. Can be topic on January meeting agenda
* 8th grade transition – Anne Anthony
  + San Diego High did their push last week
  + January will be Pt. Loma High’s push
    - There will be informational session
* Band performance – December 18th – free to attend – 6 pm – 8 pm in auditorium
* Common Core – PL cluster doing presentations – January 22nd is next meeting (Liberty station – PL Nazarene)
  + Targeted at K-8
  + Info on school website
  + Meeting focus will be on math
* Congratulations given to Grant Quiz Team bowl – Top 8 = 2 students from Grant- Trevor Burns and Mile Profilio
* Supervision Issues – 1 person on playground/lunch area for 75 kids
  + Parents witnessed fights among children during bring your parent to lunch week
  + Principal doesn’t have funds for additional staff
  + Volunteers are hard to find
  + Bianca has been told she is getting more reliable staff at first of year
  + Look into PTA funding additional staff – need to determine cost
  + Request to send out emails to room reps for volunteers

7:50 PM – Meeting Adjourned