

## **Westlake PTA Meeting**

12/7/2017

### **Board Members and Teachers Present:**

Clyde Curley, Principal

Amy Dahlen, PTA President

Julie Lattin, PTA Vice President

Tim Madsen, PTA Treasurer

Shannon Cuff, PTA Secretary

Steve Sikes, PTA Parliamentarian

Tina McGlashan, Teacher

Jen Simington, Teacher

Approximate attendance: 14 people

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

### **Welcome/Introductions**

#### **Review and Approval of last meeting's minutes**

- PTA Secretary Shannon Cuff reviewed the minutes from the last PTA meeting, which was held on 10/19/2017.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve minutes was brought by Christine Mantua. Second by Tina McGlashan. Approved unanimously.

#### **Report from the Treasurer-Tim Madsen**

- We received an unexpected bill from last year's auction. \$1400 owed to Bidding for Good.
- Direct Appeal push in November brought in about \$1800.
- Family Arts Night: still waiting for numbers from Greg Larson
- Gold Country trip payments from last year: We have received \$7800 (out of \$15,000.) Can be paid via check or online.
- Dining for Dollars: averages about \$300 per event; Surfrider donates portion of all sales from entire day.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve financial report brought by Christine Mantua. Second by Tina McGlashan. Approved unanimously.

#### **Report from the Principal-Clyde Curley**

- Some teachers are participating in training of an English/Language Arts program. Mr. Curley and teachers are looking for a new program/curriculum to adopt.
- Walk-to-Read is a successful reading program, but is not a comprehensive language arts program.

- Math intervention: Mr. Curley and Westlake staff are working with district math coach on intervention techniques for our students. Our state assessment results are stronger in language arts than in math.
- Zearn is an online math tool used by 4th graders at Westlake. Difficult to implement more widespread use at school due to tech limitations. Perhaps it could be used at home by students (and parents) in all grades.
- Lunch/Recess conflicts: Coach Amanda, Coach Natasha, and school counselor Maggie Wilson are working with playground leaders (4th/5th graders) and Kindness Ambassadors (5th graders) to solve problems and help students with conflict resolution and to create a safe, respectful culture at school.
- Teachers are learning techniques for working with students who have experienced some type of trauma. Self-care, “brain breaks”, “body breaks”, relaxation techniques, class meetings all being used in classrooms to create safer and more focused learning environments.

#### **Auction Update-Amba DesJardins**

- This year is the 10th annual auction. This year’s event is April 28th at Parish Hall.
- Forms calling for donations/sponsors will go home with every student. Extra forms will be available in auction mailbox in office. Committee asks for members of the Westlake community to please reach out to any business or individual they have a personal relationship with.
- Volunteers currently needed for sales, graphic design, making flyers.
- Auction committee is looking for A/V equipment for auctioneer and DJ recommendations.
- Tina McGlashan’s father may loan his vintage car for the event. Would be used for fun photos.
- Online auction will close night before the event. Certain items will only be available online.
- There will be a silent auction and a live auction at the event.
- Fund in Need will focus on Chromebooks to help with Mr. Curley’s school fundraiser.
- Childcare options: Auction committee is looking into discounted childcare at places like Laird’s and Kaiwa. Business would receive publicity from Westlake in exchange for reduced rates. Other businesses to ask? Question about childcare at Westlake during auction. Mr. Curley would need to look into liability issues.

#### **Spring Enrichment Programs-Angela Dobkin**

- With approval of the PTA, the following enrichment programs will be offered in the spring: Beatles Choir, Liz Fowler’s sports, Lego classes, after school chess, Philosophy, Run for Fun (Deana Rabiah is working on Wharf to Wharf grant for this), Math Club, lunchtime chess
- PTA board has already voted on and approved budget for these programs.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve spring enrichment offerings brought by Amy Joanides. Second by Steve Sikes. Approved unanimously.

- Mr. Curley would like to see more Westlake teachers become enrichment program providers and will offer opportunity at next staff meeting.

#### **Parent Education: Positive Discipline Class-Julie Atkinson**

- Julie's 1st event was quite successful. 48 attendees for one-time two hour class.
- She would like to offer 7 week evening workshop series. Will take place on Tuesday evenings starting in January.
- Minimum of 10 participants, max. 30
- PTA board has already voted on and approved budget for workshop.
- Would ask participants for \$25 donation (extra if childcare needed.) This same course is much more expensive taken elsewhere.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve class brought by Steve Sikes. Second by Amy Joanides. Approved unanimously.

#### **Other Business/Questions and Comments**

- Life Lab: Kids are learning about plant parts, erosion, herbs, photosynthesis. Work day will be scheduled to move wood chips. Jane thanks everyone who has donated items from her wish list.
- K-2 music and 3-5 dance have started. Still brainstorming 5th grade art project ideas.
- Dining for Dollars: Pizza My Heart on January 17
- Brews for Bucks: Lupulo on January 24
- Math Night: Krista Holt brought idea to PTA President Amy Dahlen. This will be free event in February presented by Mathnasium. Participants receive passport and visit 10 math stations.
- Costco sells Outshine popsicles seasonally. Due to buying popsicles from another source during the winter, prices may increase.
- People love the new sweatshirts. Amy Joanides will ask Catto's about possibly placing another order.
- Directory question: Is it possible to include class lists and alphabetical list next year?

Meeting adjourned: 8:01