

Westlake PTA Meeting

3/22/2018

Board Members and Teachers Present:

Clyde Curley, Principal

Amy Dahlen, PTA President

Julie Lattin, PTA Vice President

Shannon Cuff, PTA Secretary

Tim Madsen, PTA Treasurer

Steve Sikes, PTA Parliamentarian

Jen Simington, Teacher

Tina McGlashan, Teacher

Approximate attendance: 24 people

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review and Approval of last meeting's minutes

- PTA Secretary Shannon Cuff reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on 2/22//2018.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve minutes was brought by Jennifer Jaffe. Second by Amy Joanides. Approved unanimously.

Report from the Treasurer-Tim Madsen

- Direct Appeal has reached 79% of goal for school year.
- Movie nights have been quite successful this year (\$2700); 4th grade movie night raised \$1300 for Columbia trip.
- Popcorn/Popsicles: \$3000 so far this year
- Last year's 4th grade Columbia trip payments: balance due \$5000 (out of \$15,000); Amy Joanides and others will reach out again to those families.
- Enrichment programs: balance is in the negative (\$1300), but this is not unexpected. Budgeted to be in the negative (\$1000) because fees are suggested donations.
- Teacher grants: Teachers use district funds before using PTA teacher grants. District funds are no longer available for this school year. Majority of teachers still have quite a bit of PTA grant money available.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve budget report brought by Jennifer Jaffe. Second by Amy Joanides. Approved unanimously.

Report from the Principal-Clyde Curley

- Mr. Curley spoke about lockdown, shelter-in-place, and Code Red safety drills.
- Entire school will be rewarded for filling cool cat jar with "no homework week" week before Spring Break.

- 2nd round of school assessments complete
- Enrollment for next school year has begun. Westlake enrollment is already almost at capacity. Hoping to have a full TK class, instead of TK/K.
- Teenagers have been drinking on and damaging campus on weekends. Call police immediately if you see anything.
- Bond planning is a slow process. Westlake awarded 13.5 million. Roof is in dire need of repair.
- Questions from attendees about Natural Bridges campus, which will be leased to Gateway (private school.) Natural Bridges is receiving 7 million in bond money. How does this benefit the SCCS district?
- Site support is funding from the PTA for positions such as learning assistants, arts coordinator, and things like extra Life Lab hours. Every year at the May general meeting, Mr. Curley requests amount from PTA. This year, the district requested a “letter of intent to fund” be sent early in the hopes of avoiding the yearly lay-off and rehiring procedure. PTA board sent letter of intent to support above positions (which are ranked most important among teachers and parents in various surveys), but this is not a binding contract and is contingent upon available funds and final budget approval at May meeting.
- Mr. Curley and Dorothy Franks checked in on hip-hop dance classes. More choreography than last year. Jen Simington observes her 4th grade class and says kids seem happy and really like teacher.
- Parent shared concerns about bullying on upper playground between 5th graders and 3rd graders. Immediate attention and action needed.

Auction-Amba DesJardins

- Tickets are \$75. On sale through April 13. 63 tickets sold so far.
- \$30,000 in donations
- 9 teacher experiences
- Event is April 28
- Art parent coordinator Joan Bogart spoke about class art projects: will be on display in classrooms this year as well as at Day of Dance and other events.

Arts Update-Dorothy Franks

- Day of Dance: April 27
- Open House (kids’ artwork on display in halls): May 16
- Shoreline Middle School band put on a fantastic assembly for Westlake students.
- Wildcats in the Arts rescheduled for sometime in May
- Julie Nolte and her husband will fix the damaged 5th grade tile mural in parking lot.

Life Lab Update-Jane Forbes

- Work day postponed due to rainy forecast.
- Plant sale will be held on April 13-14.

International Night-Genia Mirfield

- April 18 (Wednesday)
- Hopefully outside, but will take place in library and MUR if rainy
- Zameen's and Marianne's Ice Cream are confirmed
- Watsonville Taiko and Laird's Martial Arts are planning performances.
- GCC would like teachers to advertise event in class newsletters/emails.

Other Business/Questions and Comments

- Yearbook: Julie Lattin took on chair position this year and will do it again next year, but wants a lower grade parent to shadow her. Would also like a 5th grade liaison.
- Positive Discipline class: Julie Atkinson will offer another series after Spring Break. 7 Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30am.
- Dining for Dollars at Avanti on April 11
- Math Night went well with over 100 attendees.
- Code Night also went well with over 100 attendees.
- 2018-19 PTA Elections: All executive board positions are open. Current board is seeking at least two volunteers to form a Nominating Committee ASAP. Sarah Wickens recommended an upper campus rep and a lower campus rep.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08pm