

Westlake PTA Meeting

4/19/2018

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: 24 people

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Welcome/Introductions

PTA President Amy Dahlen presented new format for meetings. Each speaker will have around 5 minutes for updates. Attendees are encouraged to jot down notes/questions/comments throughout meeting, but hold discussion until the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

Review and Approval of last meeting's minutes

- PTA Secretary Shannon Cuff reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on 3/22/2018.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve minutes was brought by Amy Joanides. Second by Tina McGlashan. Approved unanimously.

Report from the Treasurer-Tim Madsen

- Not much change in budget over last month
- International Night: \$641.50 income (vendor tables and dessert; dessert brought in \$441.50); \$100 expense for Watsonville Taiko
- Corporate donations from PG&E, Apple, Google, Synopsys, Visa, Intuit, Netflix
- Goodwill Donation Drive: We raised \$1250 and will receive check in 1-2 weeks.
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve budget report brought by Jennifer Jaffe. Second by Amy Joanides. Approved unanimously.

Report from the Principal-Clyde Curley

- Rainbow Day will be held at Westlake on April 20th. High schools around the country are planning events in remembrance of the Columbine High shooting. Part of Westlake's Rainbow Day event will focus on kindness.
- Day of Dance coming up on April 27th.

- Eddy Awards: 5th grade teacher Mr. Smith will receive award at this year's event. Presented by the Santa Cruz Education Foundation.
- Bond measure planning: Architects will be presenting mockups of perimeter fence and new marquee. Requests for proposals for roof repair to be sent out soon.
- 4th and 5th grade recorder concerts and band concerts coming up in May
- State testing begins Monday, April 23rd, starting with 4th graders. 3rd-5th grades participate in state testing.

Auction Update-Amba DesJardins

- April 28th from 5-10pm at Parish Hall at Holy Cross
- Ticket sales end April 20th
- Online auction: almost \$12,000 so far (over \$5000 in bids, over \$6000 in ticket sales); catalog value is \$38,500
- Tickets have also been purchased via check. Total sales (online and check): \$7000
- Parish Hall will allow set-up to begin on Monday the 23rd.
- Verve and Emily's are donating coffee and pastries for volunteers.
- Joan Bogart, art parent coordinator, set up class art projects in library. Will be on display through Day of Dance. Bid sheets will be available in library. Projects will be moved to Parish Hall on Friday afternoon (27th).
- Other art up for auction will be on display in the quad on Day of Dance.
- Golden Ticket: proxy for bidding at event. Contact Amba DesJardins, Amy Dahlen, or Joan Bogart for more information.
- Auction committee would like to create an Auction Parent position for next year. Could be one volunteer per class or per grade level. Someone to take on tasks other than the class art project.

Arts Committee Update-Julie Nolte

- Dorothy Franks is busy working out logistics for Day of Dance.
- Volunteers needed to help mat and hang student artwork for Open House.
- Julie worked with every student on an all school art installation: painted rocks outside of library.
- Julie and her husband have plan to fix 5th grade tile mural in parking lot.
- Julie will be working on 5th grade culminating project.

“Wait until 8th”-Julie Hodges

- Westlake parent and former Mission Hill principal Julie Hodges spoke about the “Wait until 8th” campaign, which encourages parents to wait until children are at least 14 before giving them smartphones. Information at waituntil8th.org

Mission Hill PTA-Kristine Pederson

- Incoming Mission Hill PTA President Kristine Pederson came to encourage incoming 6th grade families to get involved with the PTA at Mission Hill.
- Mission Hill is Eddy School of the Year recipient.

PTA News/Program Updates-Amy Dahlen

- Life Lab: Jane could not attend meeting, but sent message thanking plant sale organizers and buyers. Made over \$900.
- Dining for Dollars has raised \$2200 this year; Olita's on May 9th
- Positive Discipline morning class did not fill.
- 2018-19 PTA Elections will be held at May meeting. Nominating Committee: Amy Joanides, Julie Lattin, and Julie Atkinson. Contact them or any current Board member with questions.
- International Night: well attended; Zameen's made over \$2000 and will donate \$250 to Westlake. Efi's did not do as well, but did sell out of noodles. More options and better visibility for food vendors next year. Market vendors didn't sell much, possibly lower table fee next year. Dessert sales (crepes, Marianne's ice cream sandwiches, bake sale) were good. Bonnie, Evgenia, and Ethan will continue as GCC chairs next year.

Enrichments Update-Angela Dobkin

- The Santa Cruz City School District is partnering with the Santa Cruz Education Foundation to centralize coordination and management of enrichment programs.
- Angela has worked mostly on her own to bring programs to Westlake. This new partnership eases the workload. More classes can hopefully be offered. The SCEF can fundraise in ways the district can't.
- Registration will likely be one day in the fall and one day in the spring-first come, first served. This raised concerns with Mr. Curley and some attendees. Lottery system was implemented to give working parents a fair shot at enrollment. Can proxies be used? How to keep enrollment fair?
- More classes: How will this affect custodians? Have to keep limited physical space in mind.
- Scholarships: SCEF can fundraise; PTA can create scholarship fund.

Open Forum

- Day of Dance schedule to be sent out on Friday the 20th and Monday the 23rd.
- Class art projects: online bidding closes on the the 26th; in-person bidding at Day of Dance on the 27th, silent bidding at the Auction on the 28th.
- "No cell phone" policy at Mission Hill has been successful.
- PTA Board will wait to see Auction and Walk-a-Thon income before final Direct Appeal push.

Meeting adjourned: 8pm

