

## **Westlake PTA Meeting**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

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

**Clyde Curley, Principal**

**Anna Turner, PTA President**

**Tim Madsen, PTA Vice President**

**Wes Heim, PTA Treasurer**

**Julie Graff, PTA Secretary**

**Mel Sweet, PTA Art Co-Chair**

**Sufi Fox, PTA Art Co-Chair**

**Papaya Van Dyke, PTA Parliamentarian**

**Jen Simington-Teacher**

**Adrienne Cramer-Teacher**

**Approximate attendance: 20 people**

**Meeting called to order at 6:36pm**

### **Welcome/Introductions**

#### **MHMS Presentation Julia Hodges**

-In Middle School, parent participation drops off. It is important to stay connected with your kids at this time...who their friends are, teachers etc.

-A meeting regarding ways you can get involved will be March 2nd at Mission Hill. This is a meeting to help with the transition into Middle School. You will get tools to help your kids succeed.

-Tuesday March 1st is Westlake day at Mission Hill. 5th graders will go and take a tour from 10-11:30. Parents are invited and welcome.

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

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on January 15th, 2016.

**\*\*\*MOTION**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Sufi Fox

Second by Victoria Toledo

Approved unanimously

**Report from the Treasurer**

Direct appeal is at \$42,000

**\*\*\*MOTION**

Motion to approve the budget report was brought by Sufi Fox

Second by Deana Rabiah

Motion approved unanimously

**\*\*\*MOTION**

Motion to approve the check register was brought by Amanda Jarosz

Second by Sufi Fox

Motion approved unanimously

**Report from the Principal Mr. Curley**

-Site Council meeting was today. They noticed something in regards to school safety. Referrals are sent to the office when an event occurs. The 2 Westlake needs to address are small physical altercations and in class disruptions and disrespect. A questionnaire was given to 5th graders. Anonymous survey. Are you safe, respected, able to participate? Do you have a voice in your education? Only 14% said they feel they do all the time. And more...

-3 weeks until report cards come out. Teachers are teaching and assessing, planning for next steps and wrapping up the current curriculum. Walk to read groups will be reassessed.

-As a school, we applied for the Gold Ribbon award in 2 areas. Exemplary practice, for walk to read, and exemplary program for Art. 1st evaluation happened already and St. Patrick's day will be the 2nd school visit. Thank you Dorothy Franks for writing the proposal.

-Science fair, 12 kids going to the county fair.

-5th graders leave for science camp next Tuesday.

-Teachers are participating in a voluntary mindfulness seminar. Teachers are enjoying

this.

-Parent question-Why is the CAT program not in place this year? Answer-A staffing change occurred and the program was not picked back up by the new staff member. Mr. Curley is hopeful it will come back.

### **Life Lab Update**

Plant sale Friday and Saturday April 15&16, along with a Goodwill donation truck. More info coming soon. Sign-up will come out in March.

### **Global Citizens' Committee Update**

-International night will be Tuesday April 19th 5-7:30pm, and International Day will be Thursday April 21st. Each class is given a country to do a poster on. The parent volunteer facilitates this. The poster is displayed during International day and night. International night is a night filled with performances, booths, and dinner. International day is when the kids go into the MUR and take a passport to visit all the posters the different classes made.

### **Arts Committee Overview/Update**

-March 12th is the Auction. Invites will be coming home in Monday folders soon. Tickets go on sale tomorrow, March 19th. They are \$55. Appetizers, drink ticket.

-Arts committee meetings are dwindling. March 14th is the next meeting. Please attend. The arts programs need this committee. Snacks provided and it is in the art room (room 30) so your kids can play on the upper playground while you are in the meeting.

### **PTA Program Updates/Upcoming Events**

-Enrichment – Winter/Spring Program Offerings

-Popcicles will be on sale tomorrow. We got a new freezer!

-Classroom Art Auction Projects will be on Display (3/4) , and movie night.

-Art Auction – “Global Village” (3/12)

-Wildcats and the Arts (4/14)

-International Night (4/19)

### **Chair & Volunteer Needs**

-Next year we should try committees for volunteer, instead of calling them Chairs. It might sound less overwhelming. We can break down the jobs inside of each event and people can sign up for small chunks of an event.

-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Chair

- Enrichment Co-Chair

- Art Auction Positions

- Movie Night

- 2016-17 Event Chair Positions

-2016-17 PTA Board Elections

-The Elective Committee of 3 people has been set.

- Elections to take place at April 2016 PTA Meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm