

Westlake PTA Meeting

May 26, 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

Adrienne Cramer-Teacher

Jennifer Simington-Teacher

Julie Nolte-Teacher

Jane Forbes-Teacher

Approximate attendance: 23 people

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Welcome/Introductions

Santa Cruz Education Foundation-Casey Protti

Ed foundation fundraises for schools, and fund specific programs at the schools. This year they helped raise for outdoor science school, kidpower safety workshop, playworks training, arts academy, avid on the High School level and more.

Casey presented us with a check for \$1,020. Each elementary school received the same amount for outdoor science camp scholarships.

Open board positions for the Ed foundation. Contact them if you have questions or want to volunteer.

SCCS trustee-Sheila Coonerty

The community support of a bond for the schools is 70-75%. November bond on ballot will be focused on school buildings. We have over 3 million dollars in need. The bond will bring in 2 million dollars. They will meet to decide on what needs the most attention. A new strategy will be instead of having a central location to get together to call or walk the neighborhoods, we will have neighborhood meeting sites. They need one phone banking site, one night a week for 8 weeks. Please contact Sheila on the board website.

Parent question: When will the work begin if the bond passes?

Once we get the money, work on the most urgent needs will hopefully start within 6 months to 1 year. The community will have a chance to weigh in on what repairs need to be done.

School Safety-Mr. Curley

Ability to contact every parent in an emergency: We need to make sure we can get info to everyone's cell phone, text alerts can be requested as well. Your information will be sent to you from the school and you will be able to mark how you want to be contacted.

The news reports this threat went out to many schools across the country and Europe.

See the attached Emergency Plan/Policy.

The police arrived within 5 minutes. The police came and together they decided to evacuate the kids from the classrooms. Classroom searches took 1.5 hours.

Some problems that occurred were 4th and 5th graders used their cell phones to call home and rumors spread quickly. The teachers were notified *after* the call went out to the parents.

110 children were signed out which put extra stress on the office staff. This was difficult for some of the children who were not picked up.

Please contact Mr. Curley if you have any other questions about this.

Voting for 2016-17 Board Members-

Please see the attached PTA section.

Nominees

President-Sarah Wickens

Vice President-Julie Graff

Treasurer-Tim Madsen

Secretary-Christine Mantua

Parliamentarian-Shannon Cuff

Arts Co-Chair-Michelle Nicely

Arts Co-Chair-Sabine Crawford

All have been voted in

Review of last meeting's minutes

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on April 28, 2016.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Sufi Fox

Second by Nicole Levey

Approved unanimously

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve the budget report and check register was brought by Sarah Wickens

Second by Anna Turner

Motion approved unanimously

Site Support Proposal-Mr. Curley

The site support proposal this year is usually \$40,000 in the budget. This year Mr. Curley is asking for \$60,000.00.

Learning assistants (3)-\$33,000

Life Lab additional hours-\$11,000

Playground Coach- \$10,000

Professional Development-\$6,000

The vote is to fund all the programs.

Motion to approve all the site support made by Tim Madsen

Second by Nicole Levey

Approved Unanimously

Report from the Principal-Mr. Curley

9 days of school left. Awards assembly today was wonderful.

Grade Level field trips are happening next week.

Assessments are underway.

Report cards go home the last day of school.

Sports day is tomorrow.

Wednesday June 8th is the 5th grade culminating ceremony.

Answer to a parent question: Eureka math will be implemented after the 1st training, if not before. It will be made available to the teachers before school starts.

Answer to a parent question: Full inclusion is the best for special day class children, but we are not there yet. We will be including them more in the general education classes from the beginning of the year so they feel more like a part of the class.

Answer to a parent question: Each child who participates in the general education classes from the special day class will not necessarily have an aid when they visit/participate in the general classrooms.

Enrichment Committee Update-Angela Dobkin

All enrichment programs are online this year. Next year will look similar to this year. The one change is afterschool sports will be offered to the kinder classes too. Fliers will be half sheets next year instead of full sheets.

Angela would like to look into the possibility of online paying for enrichment programs, like we did for the walk-a-thon.

Jennifer might be Angela's co-chair.

Young scientist club has a few presenters already for next year.

Arts Committee Overview/Update-Julie Nolte

Julie Nolte and Lindsey (an art teacher from Santa Cruz High) will be co-art teachers for Westlake next year.

PTA Programs Update-

Walkathon recap-made \$11,000 this year. We had an amazing amount of volunteers. Summer donated all fruit and paper goods. Ms. Tina and Ms. Figura won the extra recess with the playground coach.

Yearbooks are coming. A few extras will be for sale June 7th & 8th.

PTA shed will be switching with the PE shed. Contact the PTA to volunteer to help.

Chair and Volunteer Needs-

See the attached sheet

Meeting adjourned 8:06pm