

Westlake PTA Meeting

January 19, 2017

Board Members and Teachers Present

Clyde Curley, Principal

Sarah Wickens, PTA President

Tim Madsen, PTA Treasurer

Christine Mantua, PTA Secretary

Shannon Cuff, PTA Parliamentarian

Michelle Nicely, PTA Arts Co-Chair

Adrienne Kramer, Teacher

Jen Simington, Teacher

Approximate attendance: 12 people

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review and Approval of last meeting's minutes

-Secretary, Christine Mantua, reviewed the minutes from the last PTA meeting, which was held November 17, 2016.

****MOTION ****

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Tim Madsen

Second by Amy Joanides

Approved unanimously

Review and Report from the Principal- Mr. Curley

-2//6/17- 100th day of school celebration

-Reports cards go home in early March

-Asking teachers to describe student behavior that earned a cool cat when handing them out. Trying to connect positive behavior to the award/recognition.

-Surveying 4th & 5th graders to find out why they are hoarding cool cats. Trying to figure out what incentives they would like.

-Continuing Walk-to-Read and professional development for Eureka Math

*May work in a break between units for students who need re-teaching

-Looking for staff morale ideas- maybe March Madness

Report from the Treasurer- Tim Madsen

-Treasurer, Tim Madsen, reviewed the 2016/17 budget and check register.

-The Direct Appeal is at \$26,099 (57% of goal) as of 1/19/17.

-We only have 3 corporate matches so far. (We are hoping we have more and they take a long time to process).

-We brought in some money for the Sunshine Club fund.

-Money for 4th grade fieldtrip has not been processed yet. Tim will get a spreadsheet from each teacher to document the checks before he cashes them.

-We need to send out thank you letters to donors. **Mr. Curley will help mail merge the document. We need volunteers to help stuff the envelopes.** We may add a picture of student art to the letter.

-Dorothy will add a line to the bottom of all her flyers, reminding families to donate to the Direct Appeal.

****MOTION****

Motion to approve 2016/17 budget and check register was brought by Deena Rabiah.

Second by Amy Joanides

Approved unanimously

Arts Committee Overview/Update- Dorothy Franks

-Posted a position for K-2 dance. Should start 1/30/17.

-2/6/17- 3rd-5th grade music performance

-Westlake student art is displayed in the School Board office at Soquel High through the end of January.

-5th grade Art Project

*Artist has been selected (Elijah F.)

*3 Themes: exploration of Monterey Bay Sanctuary, natural environment, and Ohlone. Artist is going to coming up with a sketch for each theme and students will vote.

*Work on mural will start in April.

*Will be on wall outside by the bike rack (near the parking lot).

-4th & 5th graders going to the symphony

-Glee Club Proposal

*Teacher from Little Peoples Repertory Theater

*10 week program, 2 days a week for 3rd- 5th graders

*Students will learn the songs from a Beatles album at perform them at the end of the session

*Costs \$1,478 to pay instructor. Need to determine if PTA can afford to pay for it up front and if Arts has any money to contribute.

***Dorothy will work on finalizing a schedule, location, & donation amount for the class. She will present a proposal for the executive board to discuss at their meeting on 2/9/17.**

Life Lab Update- Sarah Wickens

-Spring plant sale will be 4/20 (Th) & 4/21 (Fri) after school

Education Chair Update (Eureka Math)- Clyde Curley

-We are looking for parents, teachers, and students to participate on the District Advisory Committee. The volunteers would attend 4 monthly meetings in the spring. They will learn what the school district is doing with money and how to spend any surplus.

-4th graders are going to Cabrillo on 3/3/17.

Enrichment Update- Sarah Wickens

-Spring enrichment courses are starting in February.

GCC- Deena Rabiah

-International Day is 4/18

-International Night is 4/19: will have vendors, performers, & student fashion show

-Grant has been submitted to The Wharf to Wharf fund. Hoping to fund Run to Fun club.

Open Positions- Sarah Wickens

-Goodwill truck is coming in April

-Need a parent for 5th grade culmination. Mr. Curley will discuss with 5th grade team.

May ask the room parent from each 5th grade class to work together on it.

Upcoming Events

-PTA Coffee: 1/26

-Movie Night: 1/27

-Science Fair: 2/2-2/3

-Valentine's Dance: 2/9

Open Forum for Questions/Comments

-No questions at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm