

## **Westlake PTA Meeting**

November 17, 2016

### Board Members and Teachers Present

*Clyde Curley, Principal*

*Sarah Wickens, PTA President*

*Julie Graff, PTA Vice President*

*Tim Madsen, PTA Treasurer*

*Christine Mantua, PTA Secretary*

*Shannon Cuff, PTA Parliamentarian*

*Sabine Crawford, PTA Art Co-Chair*

*Adrienne Kramer, Teacher*

*Julie Nolte, Teacher*

*Jen Simington, Teacher*

*Jane Forbes, Teacher*

*Tina McGlashan, Teacher*

Approximate attendance: 21 people

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

### **Welcome/Introductions**

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

-Secretary, Christine Mantua, reviewed the minutes from the last PTA meeting, which was held October 20, 2016.

**\*\*MOTION \*\***

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Amy Joanides

Second by Tim Madsen

Approved unanimously

#### **Review and Report from the Principal- Mr. Curley**

-Student conferences are 11/21-11/22. Report cards will go home during conference.

-Assessments have been completed and new Walk to Read groups have been created for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.

-60-70% of students have already reached the end of year benchmark in reading

-15% of students are expected to reach the benchmark by the end of the year

-15% of students are receiving additional help to toward goals.

-11/18: pajama dance party day

#### **Education Chair Update (Eureka Math)- Clyde Curley**

-Eureka Math is a collaborative program, based on Singapore math

-Very visual, pictorial curriculum. It includes learning the metric system

-Contains modules, with units (like chapters)

\*So far this year, some grades are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> module and 12<sup>th</sup> unit

-Great website resources for parents:

<https://greatminds.org/math/parents>

-Each lesson contains 6-10 problems for students to solve. Some are *Must Do*, *Could Do*, or *Challenge* problems

-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers meet with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team from MHMS in the Spring to see where 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going into middle school

### **Report from the Treasurer- Tim Madsen**

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

-The Direct Appeal is at \$24,000 (52% of goal) as of 11/17/16.

-We will create a PTA membership list that includes all donors.

-eScript program needs a chair person

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

Motion to approve 2016/17 budget and check register was brought by Amy Joanides.

Second by Anna Turner

Approved unanimously

### **Life Lab Update- Jane Forbes**

-11/20 is the next work day. The goal is to finish building the planter beds.

### **Enrichment Update- Angela Dobkin**

-Science club and fall sports are wrapping up

-Spring sports start again at the end of February

-Lego class & Chess club are on going

-Angela is looking into other classes we can offer

### **Arts Committee Overview/Update- Dorothy Franks**

-Wildcats in the Arts will be in January.

-K-2 music is winding down. Classes end in December. In class performances begin the week of Dec. 16.

-K-2 dance begins in February and runs until April 28.

-Working on putting together a student art show at the MAH. Will have an art show at the library. May have a First Friday art show as well.

-5<sup>th</sup> grade art project

\*Meeting on 12/5 to determine which artist to work with

\*In January, will get curriculum themes from teachers

\*Artist will work with students. Students get to vote and pick the final theme.

\*5<sup>th</sup> grade parent will coordinate with artist and project will begin week of 4/12.

\*Still deciding on a location for the piece

-Trying to get Shakespeare Santa Cruz here in the Spring

-Earthscapades is coming in January.

-Artsonia is being uploaded. **We need parents to help scan the art.**

**Auction Update- Sarah Wickens:**

-Auction location was moved to Paradox

-Will be held on *Friday 2/24/17*

-The theme is *Mardi Gras*

- \$5 of every specialty Wildcat cocktail will be donated back to school.

-We need help with procurement for donations and stuffing envelopes

-We can store auction items in the cabinets in Rm. 23.

**Open Forum for Questions/Comments**

-No questions at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm**