

Westlake PTA Meeting
January 21st, 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
Kristen Lenz, Teacher
Adrienne Cramer-Teacher

Approximate attendance: 17 people
Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review of last meeting's minutes by Julie Graff

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on November 19th, 2015.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Clyde Curley
Second by Tim Madsen
Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report by Wes Heim

2015-16 budget and check register are attached.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve the budget report was brought by Sufi Fox
Second by Papaya Van Dyke
Motion approved unanimously

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve the check register was brought by Amy Joamides
Second by Cristine Chopra
Motion approved unanimously

Principals report

-All the elementary PTA's of Santa Cruz City approached the school board and presented as a united front the need for additional funds for the school. The board agreed and Westlake will receive an additional \$21 per student. Staff will be meeting with Mr. Curley to prioritize what the money will be spent on.

-PBIS-Yard duties and playground coaches went to a district wide training. The school is now gathering and deciding what games we will implement. Possibility of a trainer coming to train the Playworks coaches monthly.

- Safe school plan is coming up.
- Mid point in walk to read. 4 more weeks until we reassess. Most kids are already performing at or above benchmark. These tests are nationwide. Program is resulting higher readers.
- Teacher planning days for writing curriculum happened last week. Came up with a grade level plan for the next 8 weeks. Focus this trimester is on informational writing.
- Math adoption process is beginning. Last program was adopted 8 years ago. Teachers are piloting 2 new curriculums called Investigations and Eureka Math. They will work with each for 5 weeks, get together and decide which program they will report to the board that they would like to implement in this year and next.
- Read to achieve will start next week. Warriors will do a visit to kick it off.
- Science fair 2/5.
- 1st week in February 5th graders will go to science camp.
- Wharf to Wharf funded Run for Fun this year.

Education Chair Discussion- Cristine Chopra

- Last meeting Walk to Read was discussed in detail.
- Cristine would like to hear from parents on what topics they would like to learn more about. Mr. Curley would like to see information about how to get resources for more support for their children. Tim Madsen parent brought up the idea for educating parents about the tests/assessments that the children take throughout the year. Mr. Curley thought a link to the State Budget would be helpful.

Life Lab Update-Jane Forbes

- Green house roof leaking. Mr. Curley recommended Jane to put in a work order with the district.
- Plant Sale April 15th and 16th. Jane needs volunteers. Sign up genius will be sent out in mid-March.
- Another Life Lab workday will happen this Spring. Day TBD.

Arts Committee Overview-Update-Sufi/Mel

- Auction will be March 12th at the Elk Lodge, at 6pm. The theme is "World Village". Biggest fundraising event of the year. Volunteers are still needed. Donations, decorations, set-up, clean-up, etc.
- Wildcats in the Arts will be in March. Date TBD. We need an event chair for this.
- Artsonia is up and running. Christmas push went well. New artwork is added all the time.
- K-2 dance will start Feb 1st.
- Art Committee meetings are the 1st Monday of every month at 3pm in the art room, 30.

SCCS Board Update-Tim

- Parent representatives from the 4 PTA's got together to share ideas and come up with ideas for approaching the school board. They lobbied the board members for more \$ for school supplies. For K-12, we got \$20-\$25 per student!!! The hope was to stop the teachers request for school supplies from the parents at the beginning of the year.
- Last school board meeting shared projections for enrollment. Elementary is shown to drop by 300 students over 5 schools. This is dropping the possibility of Natural Bridges reopening.
- There is talk about a bond to buy new school buses for the district.

- Talk about replacing roofs, floors, elevators/lifts etc. They talked about security, fences, air conditioning, new drop off area on high st., etc.
- Feed back to the board directly affects changes that are made.

PTA News and Program Updates

- Enrichment flier will be sent out to parents soon for Winter and Spring classes.
- Math Club will start soon. 2-3 grade students. Teacher is Ms. Cramer. Mr. Smith is doing 4-5 graders.
- Run for fun. 3-5th grade, Thursdays at 3-4:15.
- Enrichment co-chair needed.
- Dining for Dollars-Pizza My Heart 1/25- 4pm-9pm, Downtown only.
- Marini's Every Wednesday-New location on Westside.
- Science Fair 2/4
- Valentines Dance 2/11

Chair & Volunteer Needs

- Artisan Fair
- Wildcats in the Arts
- Spirit Store
- Enrichment
- 2016-17 Chair Openings

*****Motion**

Motion to approve

Second by

Motion approved unanimously

Open Forum for Questions

-Playground puddles...has a work order been put in? Even if a work order is put in, it will be low on the priority list because of higher urgency issues with the buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.