

Meiklejohn General PTA Meeting November 13, 2018

Meiklejohn Elementary Art Room

Taken by: Cindy Scheich

- I. Call to Order at 7:05PM
- II. Approval of Agenda, First by Mandee Dwyer, Second by Teri Braun
- III. Approval of September's General Meeting minutes, First by Mandee Dwyer, Second by Kennetha Julien
- IV. Norms: Respect others and assume positive intent
- V. Introduction of Board Members
- VI. Voting on Bylaws – Quorum of 15, meeting bylaws requirement. Vote to adopt and submit to CO PTA for approval by Kennetha Julien. All approved. None opposed. Voice vote meets the 2/3 bylaws requirement.
- VII. Fundraising
  - a. What and Why - In the past the PTA has helped support our 1-to-1 technology (iPads or Chromebooks for every student), take-home book programs, maker's space in library, etc. This year it has been identified that some classroom libraries are extremely deficient. Non-fiction is a big need, and current, up-to-date books to meet our students needs. These books are expensive. For some grades, the cost could be as low as \$2,000, and others as high as \$3,500. Important to expose our students to all the different types of genre that are available. Total cost could be anywhere between \$50k - \$75k. Lucy Caulkins Curriculum goes along with these books needed.
  - b. Auction / Fun Run survey results – 190 emails were opened, but we only received 53 responses. A pro for the Auction – business sponsorship support with access to the adults. We want to hear what the ideas are. Potentially look at getting face-to-face survey responses at October parent teacher conferences next year. At this point and with the conversation, we will not be pursuing an Auction. In looking at the fun run, we need to make a decision at this point whether or not to go with Run4Funds or parent-led. Further details to come.
  - c. Not all of the budget line item needs to be moved from Auction to Fun Run. Because Teacher Sweepstakes are part of that, we keep some in there, as well as funds for minor cost for spirit-wear, administrative tasks, remaining auction fee. Motion made to approve moving the majority of auction funds budget line item to Fun Run line item by Kennetha Julien. Second by Cat Nowak. All approved. None opposed.
- VIII. Community Outreach Committee
  - a. Pomona High School and Arvada High School Resource Centers
  - b. Giving Tree
- IX. Reports of Officers
  - a. Principal's Report – Introduced Megan S. from Wayne Carle – teacher and admin. Noticed since 2016, their community partnership piece has really broken down. Primarily due to lack of parental involvement, non-active PTA. Heartwarming to hear the enthusiasm and desire to help our community here. Wants to hear what we as parents want from their school.
  - b. President's Report – Working on getting Parent University put together with Laura Velopoldi. Survey will go out after Thanksgiving break to the entire school. Workshop topics, what parents are interested in learning more about. Spark Change – each class chose a charity/topic to donate to. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades second most brought up topic was suicide prevention. Not appropriate for spark change (addressed to all grades), but want those kids to feel heard, so it is being brought to PTA/PIE groups, and will be added to the survey. Coming from the kids directly! Kids to be welcome to attend this session with their parents at Parent University. Planning for sometime in February.

- c. Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.
  - d. Treasurer's Report – Nothing to report.
  - e. Vice President 1's Report – No submissions for Reflections. Mileage Club wrapped up today, will start again in March. Need volunteers for the 11am-12pm time slot. Talent Show date is now January 31<sup>st</sup>. Maker's Space update – week after Thanksgiving needing volunteers, currently going through donations. Putting together an impromptu fundraiser through OrangeTheory, likely in January. Watch for details!
  - f. Vice President 2's Report
    - i. Restaurant Nights – Mobile orders – how do parents get credit for the school??!  
Feedback is to keep the majority of the options having a mobile pick up option, and only having dine-in options once in a while.
    - ii. Parent Socials – 1<sup>st</sup> one with low attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> one with zero attendance. Perhaps look at providing childcare, bowling, ninja-nation, brewery during the day, other ideas for including kids.
    - iii. Staff Appreciation – Have a lot planned for both November and December. Massages were provided last week, and a soup & salad lunch will be provided this week. Will also be doing "5 Days of PTA" again in December with little giveaways each day, rounding the week out with a Baked Potato Bar.
- X. Reports of Board Chairs
- a. Advocacy – Just announced this evening that 5A/5B HAS PASSED!!! Legislative session is just getting started, be prepared for more to come.
  - b. Ways and Means – Nothing more to report than major fundraiser discussion.
  - c. Membership Report – Nothing to report.
- XI. Announcements
- a. PTA Meetings 1/15, 3/12 and 5/7 at 7pm
- XII. Adjourned at 8:07PM