

PTA

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 6:30 p.m. @1425 Washington Place, School Auditorium

6:30 p.m. Call to Order – Holly Wright

Attendance – pass sign in sheet. Board members in attendance: Holly Wright, president; Haley Swartz, Parliamentarian; Monica Sheppard, Secretary; Taline Tokatlian, Historian; Lance Harris, Treasurer; **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting.** Haley S. Motions to approve minutes. Erin Clark seconds the motion. Motion passes.

6:40 Administrative Updates

- Principal Kathy Lorden
 - o Thank you to all the volunteers for the Jog-a-thon. A Great success!
 - o Grant is trying to follow the district volunteer policies. We are tightening up the enforcement. Please give teachers 48 hours if you wish to visit the classroom. You can do this once or twice without volunteer clearance. If you are there to help with any event in the classroom you do need to be cleared. Volunteer application will be in the back to school packet next summer.
 - o Finished and submitted the budget for next year. It is pretty much the same as last year. Additional allocation for noon duty supervision. Next year we will have 4 people out there at lunch. Please see Kathy if you are interested in working 1.5 hours at lunch each day. Parents cannot volunteer in this role, but can be hired as a school employee.
 - o Library asst and tech position still open. Offered the library tech position starting next week. 8 hr/week position. This position distributes textbooks. Asst position hopefully hired within the next 2 weeks.
 - o With Enrollment projection for next year → decreasing staff by 1 person. If enrollment is higher than expected, another staff can be added in sept/oct.
 - o 1x money from governor can be used for things that won't need to be sustained. We will use it for the grant (teacher release time for professional develop) ending in May
 - o Erin Clark reports that parents/teachers have stepped up and recess equipment is full and staying full. Recess is much better. Need to add "replenishing ball carts" on the budget. Grades 3-5 are working on recess guidelines for safety.

7:00 Presentation Items

- T-shirts and other Grant Gear available during meeting
- Call for Volunteers

o Family Engagement Committee Proposal. State PTA is focused on family engagement this year. Especially at the school board level. They are closing FACE (family engagement center). Let Holly know if you are interested in participating in a Family engagement committee.

Jog-a-thon party needs a large number of volunteers. Please contact arons.smitha@gmail.com

- Bylaws Committee (check in, announce appointments) Dan Sakai and Anne Anthony are appointed. We need one more member. Committee will look at adding/changing general assembly PTA meetings amongst other things.
- Gala update: One week away! Online bidding for those who have bought tickets. You can see items on line beforehand. You can bid from your phone and take your items with you that night if you win. Need volunteers to help that night; 2 shifts: one at 5-7, one at 8-11. If interested let Maurice know. 120 tickets sold so far.
- Jogathon report. Final donations in by Thursday!
- Assembly plans- (the S word). Free program with 2 different levels of the program. We are looking at a parent assembly perhaps in conjunction with another school.
- Grant Foundation update: Percussion instruments are very expensive. Students are not able to provide. School instruments are very limited. Foundation allocated \$1200 for percussion instruments (funds available due to success of this year's Imagine Campaign. Mission Hills 5K March 10. Need volunteers and help getting the word out!! 100 people shy of last year's participation. NFL football player doing motivation before the run. Lazy Acres goody bags. Party at the school after.
- Legislation update—Holly Wright: Lobbied representatives about family engagement (to consider legislation defining family engagement); bell schedules for MS/HS supporting later start times. People want local control, teachers unions concerned with changing schedules, however it is becoming a public health issue (increased car accidents, etc); asking also for a committee to stop the funding crises and stop pulling funding during every recession, Todd Gloria is on the education committee. Pleases bring concerns to your representatives.

7:30 Action Items

- Treasurer's report –Lance Harris motion to approve the release of checks 4421-4431 for expenditures approved in the budget and to approve the January treasurer's report. Seconded by Haley Swartz. Motion passes.
- Nomination Committee election of committee:
 - o Dan Sakai o Lance Harris o Elizabeth Katopol. Alternate is Smitha Arons.. This committee will find volunteers and create a slate to be voted on in April.
- PTA sponsor Community Garage Sale space on April 7 (motion & discussion) Haley makes a motion to sell slots in the parking lot for the community garage sale. Jill seconds the motion. Motion passes. Goes through the rental dept from the school district.
- PTA sponsor Orchestra buses to Knotts Berry farm: Jill B Motion to have PTA cover the cost of busing for 7th and 8th grade. Lance seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- Vote on Insurance for a function at UCC: Imagine Campaign is hosting a wine and art soiree for the \$1000 Donors. Needs to be covered by insurance. Jill B makes a motion to have PTA cover insurance for this event. Seconded by Krisitin Boyd. Motion passes.

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Roundtable: Please document your volunteer hours. We get credit for these hours at the district. It determines how many voting members we get.

Please turn in your binder of any function or event you run so that each event can be carried over with a new volunteer if needed.

Book fair in April this spring. Be ready to volunteer.

Grant Great artist program. TK-5th. Introduces students to artists and follows up with an art project. GreatartgrantK8.wordpress.com

District hosted events: every Tuesday at Ballard center in Old Town: parenting the teen. It is posted on school website.

Feb 20 Civil rights activists coming to Liberty Station

Feb 15 Black Minds matter at Morris HS.

Adjourn

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