

## Grant PTA General Association Meeting

Sept 10, 2019 Grant Auditorium, 1425 Washington Pl, San Diego, CA 92103

6:30 Call to Order – Lara Gates, President

Attendance – pass sign in sheet

Reading of PTA mission statement - Lara Gates

Parent meet & greet exercise

Holly Wright motion to approve June meeting minutes. Megan Clarke seconds. Motion passes.

Administrative update – Kathy Lorden

- Focus on community building this year. Have seen need for increase of support. Staff group met over summer, as well as parent group. Want to be proactive vs reactive around community building and student needs. Restorative justice practices – build community through community circles and then when harm is done can do a restorative circle. Will hopefully decrease disciplinary action and suspensions.
- Recreated discipline plan. Made flow chart that is being rolled out at middle school advisory classes and will go to parents soon.
- Grant Goes Global (3G) initiative. First time Sept 26. Classes of 1-8<sup>th</sup> graders mixed into classes to do community building and cooperative pieces. Hopefully a picnic lunch all together at Pioneer Park. Will need parent volunteers. Second session community oriented in Mission Hills. Final one around Earth day and will be focused around San Diego community.
- Currently have 769 students enrolled. Largest in her 5 year tenure. The two classrooms under construction will hopefully opening by Thanksgiving. Tk-3 grades are very large. This Friday district looking at which school are under or over staffed. Right now we are understaffed in TK-3, if another class is created it's likely to start first week of Oct and looking for it to be a straight 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The 4-5<sup>th</sup> grades full, but likely won't qualify for an additional teacher.
- Looking for SST and SGT. Need to form English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC). If interested, contact Kathy by email. They are 2 year terms.

Presentation items

- **Safe Spaces – Julie** Looking to create ways to have positive, resilient culture. Safe Spaces is a PTA committee made up of a group of parents. Came together because saw increase last year in EP10s, suicidal ideation and self-harm. Did survey to parents, had about 35 responses. Several themes emerged from survey. Have seen solutions to several problems, such as VP staffing, discipline policy update, Grant Goes Global. Still several open problems without solutions. Have several recommendations. 1. New communication channels – positive bulletin board, feedback box, safe space committee meetings, buddy program. Estimated \$0-100 annually. 2. Increased mental health resources – community and student created posters, talk session for students. Estimated \$500 annually. 3. Cyber-safety programs – SafetyNet presents, Screenagers screening. Estimated \$500-1000. 4. Create guidance assistant position – increase supervisions lunch and bathroom, advisor to middle school. Estimated \$15k annually. Next step is for finance committee to convene and discuss budget and make recommendations on spending. Ninth

district PTA hosting program with Rady's on suicide prevention Oct 12. Register at 9<sup>th</sup> district website.

- **Parent/teacher funding priorities survey – Jen** In June PTA meeting there was a discussion around what to do with surplus in PTA budget. Did online survey for parents and teachers where they rated categories of spending money from high to low priority. Parent survey had 129 parents respond, representing 185 students from TK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Teacher survey had 22 teachers and staff respond from across the school. Going to finance committee for their review to look at budget and where funding is being asked. Finance committee will look at what can we spend, what do we need, and then bring recommendations back to membership. If interested in being in committee sign up on way out.
- **Room Parents – Jen** A few still needed, that were filled by volunteers present. Ginns (filled), Capparell (filled - Hayley), Spingola, Baldwin (filled – Lauren Lavine).
- **Collaborative fundraising overview – Lara** Handout with info on what each group does and overall fundraising calendar. PTA has board of parents and teachers. Foundation has board of parents and community members and is focused on STEM.

Program Sponsor	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Foundation	Imagine Campaign	Imagine Campaign		Imagine Campaign			MH5K		
PTA				Holiday Trees		Jog-A-Thon			Gala

- **Imagine Campaign & Foundation – Linda** PTA and foundation fund 2 teacher salaries that the district does not (art and science). Imagine 3<sup>rd</sup> annual participation campaign coming up end of Sept. If 75% of students make a contribution they get an ice cream party. Table on Mondays during assembly time. Will have online donation option. Foundation meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

#### Action Items

- Haley motions to appoint E3 advisors as auditors. Holly seconds. Motion carries.
- **Treasurer's report July – Aug 2019– Kamau**
  - Kamau motions to approve the release of checks 4661-4667,4670, 4673-4689, 4741 for expenditures approved in the budget from the June 11 2019 PTA meeting. Holly second. Motion carries.
  - Kamau motions to approve release of funds approved in the budget for up to \$2500 for nursing supplies, \$2000 for PE equipment, \$10,000 for Halloween carnival. Lara second. Motion carries.

#### Roundtable

- **Halloween Carnival - Heather** Event Oct 18 5-8pm with movie after, showing Coco. In need of additional committee members and parent help with cleanup during movie. Sign up to help with committee or clean up going around. Theme for event Dia de los Muertos. Cake decorating contest happening for cake walk. Chili cook off sign-up sheets going out soon.
- **Lefty's fundraiser** Next Wednesday Sept. 18. Mention there for Grant for a donation to go back to school.

- **Quizbowl** practice starting soon for middle school students. Compete throughout the county.
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade east coast trip meeting** – Next Wednesday in auditorium
- **Camps** - 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp happening. New 7<sup>th</sup> grade camp to Catalina. Details soon/
- **Grant First Lego League** Starting and have good interest already. See Fiona for details.
- **Cross country** Try outs have happened and are starting to practice.
- **Morning run club** Need volunteers to make it happen. At Pioneer Park at 7 each day.
- **Science Olympiad** info meeting Sept 12 at 6 in Mrs. Baldwin room. This meeting is for a parents that want to coach or have kids that want to participate.
- **Backpack hooks** 3-5 graders, don't have them. Kathy working with district to get them installed.
- **Cone zone** – Please follow directions, be polite to those working the cone zone, especially the safety patrol. Follow laws including u turns, not parking in red, etc. Kathy working with Grant Dads group on how we can have some parents help with car doors, monitoring, etc. Kathy asking for school police officer presence.
- **Talent show** – Can we get one this year? Need parent to head it up. Best to start early so people can be practiced. Will discuss at Oct meeting.
- **Amazon Smile** list Grant as your charity of choice for donations back to the school.
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade east coast trip fundraiser** – Nicole trying to head it up and has had problem getting contact information for the large group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Want to be able to send all that want to go. Connect with Paula on logistics and legalities for distributions.
- **Lockers** can they be provided? District does not provide, and we can't even them request them to be added to the campus. Staff can look at what can be done to reduce weight of backpacks.

Next meeting Oct 8, 2019 7:45 am

Adjourn 8:04 pm