

Strandwood PTA General Association Meeting

April 1, 2021

Welcome & Agenda: (minutes by Lawson): called to order at 7:03 pm by Castle using Zoom

(Quorum min: 16) Virtually attended by: Maggie Castle, Jody Lawson, Cheri Scripter, Jennifer Schofield, Shannon Veltri, Stephanie Markowitz, Lindsey Sowko, Madeleine Holt, Jennifer Roche, Anne Swanson, Tracie Watanabe, Christine Finkas, Eva Yee, Rebecca Schnee, Tod Gomes, Kevin Schofield, Anna Tsai

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 4, 2021 General Association meeting minutes by Lawson, seconded and approved

Principal's Comments (Scripter)

- Hybrid is off and running! Felt like it well from the office/school side. Wish that we could offer more but this is likely where we will stay through the end of year. We are still able to make some accommodations for those interested in changing, but will not allow students to jump back and forth between hybrid and distance learning.
- We've raised over \$5000 for the AHA so far—thank you! The teachers seemed to actually enjoy getting a pie in the face!
- Summer school has been expanded to allow TK-4th graders. 5th could join the middle school group. It will be from June 7th through July 2nd.
- What is the principal working on? Possible ideas for a 5th grade promotion: something out on the upper grade blacktop and maybe work out a bbq still? Doing our best to make sure that kids continue to social distance though it is difficult for them to remember at times. Will start collecting chromebooks March 28-June 1. Sharon Kurk is retiring so will look at ideas to celebrate her. Also have state testing and ELPAC coming up. Kindergarten registration is ongoing.

Teacher's Report (Sowko)

- Teachers are very happy to be back in hybrid. Excited to see students in person again!
- TK/K: Plants and insects, spring, reviewing sight words and letter sounds, reviewing addition
- 1st: We have been learning about habitats, r controlled vowels, and things in the sky.
- 2nd: We have been learning about flowers in Science, money and counting coins in Math, Arab American Heritage Month in Social Studies, and Figurative Language. Each student did a Women's History Report this month for Women's History Month.
- 3rd: Linking & Helping Verbs, Complex Sentences, California Indian Tribes, Settlers, Fractions, plural words, homophones, cause & effect
- 4th: Gold Rush (both in Social Studies and ELA) Reading, "By The Great Horn Spoon", context clues, fractions for math

- Library: Celebrating poetry during April; Continuing Digital Citizenship lessons (how to behave online)

Financial Reports (Finkas)

- Review of financial reports presented by Finkas
 - Sent updates to teachers/staff with remaining allotment balances
- Motion to ratify checks #7269-7278 by Finkas, seconded and approved

VP Reports

VP Communication (Watanabe)

- No report

VP Programs (Schumacher-absent)

- No report

VP Ways & Means (Holt)

- Read-a-thon is moving along. Gathering prizes for a raffle as well as a grand prize (likely Disneyland tickets). Gift cards, puppets, Strandwood bags and t-shirts, etc.
- Dine out night at Jack's coming up on April 14th and the Kona Ice truck in May. Maybe one more at Zachary's.

VP Hospitality (Markowitz)

- Staff Appreciation Week has wrapped up! Everything went well as far as the Hospitality Team can see. Door banners looked great, lots of people participated in the parade, cookies and the lunch boxes worked out well. Teachers were very excited and grateful for all the lovely gifts and treats they received!
- Was suggested to do a photo book for Mrs. Kurk for her retirement. Ask the Strandwood Community to submit pictures of artwork from over the years.
- Will also need to start collecting room parent binders as we near the end of the year.

Unfinished Business

- Audit: July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020: (Status: In process, to be presented at next E-Board Meeting)
- Motion to approve bylaws as presented at March 4, 2021 General Association Meeting by J. Schofield, seconded and approved
 - (Also dues will increase from \$8.25 to \$10.00 per member)

New Business/Recommendations of the Executive Board

- Art at Strandwood: Update & Future Plans (will be a presentation by Mrs. Caicedo and Ashley Gustafson at the next EBoard and General Association Meetings)
- Motion to approve the following fundraisers for the general fund for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:
 - Black and White Photos by Lawson, seconded and approved

- Price will likely be \$30 per photo; details to be coordinated but likely a link to a SignUpGenius with times and location
- Motion to approve Events Calendar as presented below by Lawson, seconded and approved

Elections

- Parliamentarian (Schofield) read aloud Article V regarding elections.
- Head of Nominating Committee (Finkas) read nominating committee report as follows:
 - President: Hannah Robrecht
 - Exec. VP: Liz Mallon
 - Treasurer: Christine Finkas
 - Financial Sec: Jennifer Roche
 - Auditor: Madeleine Holt
 - Historian: OPEN
 - Secretary: Shannon Veltri
 - VP Communication: OPEN
 - Asst. VP Communication: OPEN
 - VP Programs: Jill Russell
 - Asst. VP Programs: OPEN
 - VP Ways & Means: OPEN
 - Asst. VP Ways & Means: Ami Stevens
 - VP Hospitality: Stephanie Taheri
 - Asst. VP Hospitality: Stephanie Markowitz
- Motion made to close nominations for remaining elected offices by Lawson, seconded and elected by affirmation
- Parliamentarian will remain vacant until appointed by the President (OPEN)

Open Discussion

- None

Announcements

- Cesar Chavez Day– Apr. 2 NO SCHOOL
- Spring Break- Apr. 5-9 NO SCHOOL
- Jack's Fundraiser – April 14 (all day)
- Exec. Board Meeting – April 20
- Read-A-Thon Pledge Drive – May 3-14
- Black and White Photos – Early May
- General Association Meeting – May 6
- Kona Ice Truck Fundraiser – May 26, 1:00 pm
- Memorial Day – May 31 NO SCHOOL
- Last Day of School – June 2

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm by Castle