Strandwood PTA General Association Meeting
Dec. 2, 2021

Welcome and Agenda: (minutes by Veltri) called to order at 7:03pm by Robrecht. Quorum (quorum minimum 16) met with 18 in attendance (in person) Shannon Veltri, Hannah Robrecht, Liz Mallon, Claire Garner, Madeleine Holt, Sarah Griffin, Laura McInerney, Stephanie Schlegel, Stacey Norman, Cheri Scripter, Kandice Caicedo, Jennifer Roche, Jill Russell, Jennifer Williams, Angela Estrada-Dennis; (zoom) Stephanie Taheri, Ashley Gustafson, Marissa Shannon

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve Nov. 4, 2021 General Association meeting minutes as written by Veltri, seconded by Mallon, and approved.

Principal's Report (Scripter):

- New speech provider started in November and is amazing!
- Site Council completed the Single Plan for Student Achievement and next will be working on the safety plan.
- Grade 1-3 have to complete an iReady assessment before December 17.
- Next Tuesday, 4th and 5th grades will have an outside assembly about safe and healthy social media usage.
- Lockdown drill planned for next week.
- Starting the Gratitude x 3 Drive - warm coat drive, food drive (grade level competition), sending cards to seniors and military.
- First blue slip party of the year
- Update from tonight's EDI meeting - planning for an international day at school with ideas to include chalk art, global dance party, art

Teacher's Report (Caicedo):

- TK/Kinder
    - Bilyk- Different versions of The Gingerbread man (baby, girl, etc., etc.) all month long.
    - Doll- learning a little bit about holidays around the world. We are working on a measurement unit. Will begin working on teen numbers in January.
- First
    - Reading-phonics study, poetry, retelling stories. Some special stories including The Snowman, Snowflake Bentry, Brave Irene, Frog and Toad, and My Father's Dragon.
    - Word Problems involving Addition and Subrtraction with an emphasis on model drawing.
    - Writing we are working on building sentences adding descriptive words. Writing How to Pieces.
    - Iready assessments including reading and math starting next week
- Second
    - Math- place value and word problems.
    - Writing-continuing with Write Reflections (rainbow writing).
    - Penmanship-Handwriting Without Tears.

    - Grammar- contractions, adjectives, proper nouns vs. common nouns.
    - Reading- continuing to read, analyze, and compare different genres.
    - Social Studies - International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Holidays around the World
- Third
    - Legend Study, California Indian Tribe slide project, multiplication,
    - Holidays Around the World, Banaplication Split, opinion writing, division
- Fourth
    - *Reading: finishing up with Island of the Blue Dolphins,*
    - *Math: 4 digit divided by 1 digit with remainders, Social Studies: Missions of CA and Science: Biology and we start Science Lab next week with Mrs. Kohlbeck*

Financial Reports (Roche):

- Motion to ratify checks, number 7355-7365 by Roche, seconded by Veltri, and approved.
- Financial reports available for review - no questions.
- Winter See's sale benefiting the Future 5th Grade fund was very successful! Sold over $10,000 with a profit of about $3,700!

VP Reports

VP Communications (McInerney)

- Continuing with weekly Roadrunners. Please email any submissions.

VP Programs (Russell)

- Planning winter after school programs with the possibility of some being able to be held indoors. 10 week program from Jan. 20 - March 24 possibly including Funk Mode and Ms. Kolbeck science
- I Heart Art may be possible as a spring program

VP Ways and Means (Garner)

- Fall Fundraiser experience prizes are coming up. Donut Party is scheduled Dec. 16 for 178 students with Dr. Scripter, probably splitting it into two groups. Silly String Party might be scheduled that week as well with 112 students.
- DDA tickets will be on sale soon (hopefully next week) for early bird pricing of $75 each.
- Roadrunner fund at about $42,000 raised. Suggestion to have another push to ask anyone who's company does end-of-year company matches.

VP Hospitality (Taheri)

- Sent email to room parents regarding Nutcracker support. Not much response.

New Business

- DDA update
    - Contra Costa Country Club is honoring previous contract and deposit from cancelled 2020 auction. No new contract needing to be approved.
    - In need of volunteers. Ideally 20 volunteers to make the evening a success. A Sign Up Genius has been sent out.
    - Planning to update website detailing DDA for new families.

    - DDA attendees will need to be vaccinated and show vaccine card to attend.

Old Business

- Nutcracker update
    - Unlikely to happen in the spring. No one has stepped-up to take on a leadership position. This is a huge production that needs over 100 volunteers with 3-4 people to chair the production.
    - Suggested by Mrs. Caicedo to hire a professional to coordinate the production as done in other schools.

- Open PTA positions - keep communications open for roles still needed this year and if anyone is interested to join the E-board next year.

- Motion to approve events calendar as stated below by Vletri, seconded by Mallon, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Events Calendar

- Dine out night Chipotle Dec 15
- Zachary's Dine Out Night Jan 12
- PTA EBoard Meeting Jan 18
- PTA General Association Meeting Feb 3
- Gott's Dine Out Night Feb 16
- DDA April 23, 2022
- Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6
- Nutcracker (tentative) May 7