

Strandwood PTA General Association Meeting

October 1, 2020

Welcome & Agenda: (minutes by Muldau): called to order at 7:05 pm by Castle using Zoom

(Quorum min: 16) Virtually attended by: Maggie Castle, Jessica Muldau, Shannon Veltri, Jennifer Roche, Jacki Kohleriter, Brenda Barnhart, Ami Stevens, Lindsey Dohman, Christine Finkas, Liz Mallon, Amber McCaffrey, Lindsey Sowko, Eva Yee, Heidi Sansone, Traci Watanabe, Liz Hadley, Stephanie Taheri, Christine Coassin, Cheri Scriptor, Hannah Robrecht Hannah Smith, Kristy Denovan, Tod Gomes, Madeleine Holt, Courtney di Pretoro, Claire Garner, Marissa Shannon, Maya Yamato, Kirill Pisarchik, Jennifer Osterholt

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the September 3, 2020 General Association meeting minutes by Muldau, seconded and approved

Principal's Comments (Scripter)

- Received some good news today, as we moved into the red tier which means the district can start planning for students to return. Special meeting Wednesday regarding hybrid model or kids can stay in distance learning. Surveys coming out soon. Distance learning is going well. Some families are having internet connection problems.

Teacher's Report (Sowko)

- Kinder - thank families for helping fund donors choose - sgi program. Distance learning is better than expected for straight Kinder class. Combo teachers are struggling a bit. PTA can support with technology (personal teacher items to work with such as: headphones, earbuds, webcams, ring lights, printers, scanners, cords, wifi extenders, ink/ toner, new document cameras because our school doc cameras won't communicate with our laptops (they're too old). Thanks the pta for goodies and food and feel appreciated and supported.
 - Marissa Shannon offered help from her husband. She will contact Lindsey or Cheri about it.
- Amber McCaffrey - parents are having a problem navigating through the classroom sites, so please let your teacher or her know if you have any questions re: google classroom, or navigating the sites. Please reach out to her. She's happy to help.

Financial Reports (Finkas)

- Review of financial reports presented by Finkas
- Motion to ratify checks #7204-7213 by Finkas, seconded and approved
- Motion to release funds: DDA Expenses (\$1,100 for Trivia Night) by Finkas, seconded and approved

- Statement of activity - Rev 25,900 so far, compared to 62,00 last year. 47% of where we are. Because of DDA revenue. Roadrunner Fund/pta membership 43% of what we were at last year. Doing well considering the economic climate. Directed donations are just about the same as last year. Last year \$2,600. This year we are at \$2,300. Thank you to all the parents who are generously donating to the teachers.
- Budget v. Actual - Set up a budget at the beginning of the year. Every month she is plugging in what is received/written out. Explained how the budget works. The spiritwear income is from vintage items selling. Usually sold online.

VP Reports

VP Communication (Watanabe)

- Jump Start Day is finally done. Thanks to Jody & Lindsey distributing thank you cards and magnets. Konstella - Stephanie did a stellar rollup for the room parents. Roadrunner and website - trying to use those platforms to connect the community by spotlighting teachers, personal photos, Halloween/holiday info, contests. Continually changing. She is reaching out to PTA committees and asking if any of them have anything to report. Only one is spirit wear. Everything has been distributed from Jump Start day orders. Green team had a meeting. Planning a zoom meeting with the Planet Protectors (kids branch.)

VP Programs (Schumacher)

- Nothing to report. Forwarding any info from vendors virtually.

VP Ways & Means (Holt)

- Fall fundraiser just under \$20,000 of sales. Last year \$40,000. Can still order. Frozen product to come in later this month. October 28th possible pick up. Daily drawing prizes (About 34 kids that won prizes.) All prizes made it to the teachers to hand out. Renee says she couldn't order from Otis site. Holt - Can always put Otis order in manually if you want. Not closed completely. Still time to order that way.

VP Hospitality (Taheri)

- Met with the room parents via zoom last night. Went over responsibilities, expectations, Konstella, all of the different things they can do to communicate with parents. Digitized consent form and class donation forms with Google forms. Going onto PTA website for easy access, as well as donation form. Walked through Konstella creating announcements, 1 time events, recurring events, virtual parties, signups similar to sign up genius. All on Konstella. Great way to communicate. Great tutorial videos. Still working on 5th grade budget with teachers (picnic/bbq). Meeting went really well. Moving forward, we need to talk about a date for staff appreciation week. Liz - tie in with the spring book fair. Check into Sutter's Fort (still up in the air.) Previous years were held in April, but thought early March would avoid the auction/end of school year, etc. Angela

Estrada - take into consideration when we go back. (As in preferred in person SAW v. Virtual.)

Maggie - Lots of room to be creative. Worthwhile to pencil in a week and see where we go from there.

Stephanie - Second week of March (8th to 12th), March 29th before spring break?

Maggie told them to decide.

Shannon - End of year bbq, yearbook should come out of the FFF fundraiser amount.
(re: meeting with 5th grade teachers)

Unfinished Business

- President Castle appoints as Jennifer Schofield as Parliamentarian (position was left un-filled during last election in spring of 2020)
- 6/30/20 Fiscal Year-End Audit
 - Motion to approve the 1/1/2020 to 6/30/2020 Audits of all 5 accounts (Regular Checking, CD, Bingo, Money Market, Script) as presented by Jessica Muldau by Muldau, seconded and approved
- Motion to approve \$250 Teacher Allotment for OT Megan Giacomino out of savings by Liz Mallon, seconded and approved (Scripter - parent at strandwood. Amazing. Can't use school budget at amazon and dollar store for these items. Spends a lot of her own money to give materials to the students.)
- Motion to approve DDA: Trivia Night on November 14, 2020 by Jessica Muldau , seconded and approved.

Courtney di Pretoro - would like nothing more than to bring the Las Vegas theme to life this year, but recognizes it just isn't possible to plan it ahead of time. Wants to find ways to fundraise so we aren't in a deficit and have a plan. They have a couple of ideas. Still have things that haven't been auctioned off and are open to use again. Opportunity to a. Use those items and b. Make extra money. Jill participated in this and loved the entire event. All come together, break off into breakout rooms/pods. Give you trivia questions. Social event. Our cost is \$1,100. Max 50 teams of 6 or 200 participants. Suggested team donation - \$300. Goal of 25 teams = Revenue \$7,500. Goal of donation/raffle buy in \$25 pp = \$3,750. Net Revenue = \$10,150. Still have a napa balloon ride, Disney tickets, photography, dinner. A lot of really great prizes. Looking at Nov. 14th. Great test to see if we can do a virtual event in the spring.

Maggie - if this works, we're using what we have already. Can judge what goes quicker as far as items during this time.

Shannon - would there be any possibility to open the raffle beyond those in attendance? Might open the revenue to beyond just who is there.

Courtney - Good to consider opening it to the general population, but we don't have up front ticket sales to count on, so we don't want to give people an out from attending the event.

- Motion to approve Events Calendar as presented below by Muldau , seconded and approved.

New Business/Recommendations of the Executive Board

- Addressing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Strandwood – from a PTA perspective

Cheri - Meet November 5th at 6:00. Process we are going to use. Jacki and her have been talking. (She's been doing lot of work and talking to other parents.) They are going to touch base. C will send out surveys to the parents. Parents have lots of questions re: how to choose curriculum. Wants a safe space for authentic conversations. Wants to hear from everyone . Multiple ways to participate (email, one on one, unidentifiable, large group meeting etc.) Thinking events like parent education night, speakers. Wants to identify actionable steps. Move forward together. Grow in trust and really help to bring out the best in each other. Wants to use a lense of equity, diversity. Will publicize in an email. Will be first 1st Thursday of every month before the PTA meeting.

Hannah Slade - Why choosing a school wide v. PTA committee?

C - benefits are if parents want to make changes to the curriculum, she can accomplish that. Because she is the liaison between the school and the district. Need collaboration with PTA. Chairs will be elected in the equity committee.

Hannah Salde - are you using data on our population?

C- yes. 5 identify as black, 106 identify as latino. Talking about staff for our district.

Maggie - PTA will be a partner, strong voice in the school lead committee, along with parents, teachers, and even people not interested in being part of the PTA. Don't want to disclude anyone who doesn't want to participate in the PTA. As a PTA, we will be looking into other ways of supporting the school and community. Add another position (family engagement chair, outreach chair). That person would take the lead within the pta and within the school community.

Hannah - if it is school wide is there an opportunity for students to be involved? 4th and 5th graders?

C & Maggie - yes, room for that.

Hannah - will we be having conversations with other schools? Are we taking the opportunity to learn from those ahead of us?

C - yes, we are working with other schools. The district does have a committee. Admin has had trainings. Her PHD and Masters focus on equity and inclusion. Done quite a bit of work in that area.

Angela Estrada - credential programs/master programs already have built in diversity training. Key is for people to be open.

H - would like to go beyond training. Doesn't feel that's enough.

Jacki - There will be a meeting in november to initiate discussions. Will there be a survey for those that can't make the meeting.

C - there will be a survey prior for those that can't attend to be heard. She will also have a principal Q&A.

Jacki - what is the process for a diverse site council?

C - that group is 5 parents, 3 teachers, office staff and Cheri. 3 year term. Put out to public asking who wants to be on it and then send out for election. Rely on people nominating themselves. Went out in an email.

M - look for a survey from Dr. Scripser

Jessica Muldau - Are we able to use the texting system set up by the District to get information out to the parents? Email isn't always reliable and would like to reach more people in general. C - Texting system is through District, not school. She will send the info out to the teachers to send to their parents as well.

Open Discussion

- None

Announcements

- Community Service Day – Awaiting Info from City Hall (Date: TBD)
- PTA E-Board Meeting – Oct. 20 @ 7pm (via Zoom)
- 32nd District Association PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Mt. Diablo PTA Council Filing Due: Financial Reports: 2 audits, prior & current year budgets (Oct. 31)
- Mt. Diablo PTA Council Filing Due: Insurance premium (Oct 31) – PAID
- PTA General Assoc. Meeting - Nov. 5 @7pm (via Zoom)
- Veteran's Day - Wed., Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL
- DDA Online Trivia Night – Sat., Nov. 14
- Mt. Diablo PTA Council Filing Due: Tax filings due: 990, 199, RRF1 (Nov. 15)
- PTA E-Board Meeting – Nov. 17 @7pm (via Zoom)
- Thanksgiving Recess – Nov. 23-27 NO SCHOOL
- PTA General Assoc. Meeting – Dec. 3 @7pm (via Zoom)
- PTA E-Board Holiday Party– Dec 15 (tent.)
- Winter Recess – Dec 21–Jan 4 NO SCHOOL (Classes resume 1/5/2021)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm