Grant PTA General Meeting - MINUTES

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Call to Order 7:02 pm by Lara, President

Jen moves to approve minutes from last meeting. John seconds. Motion carries

Principal Update – Michele Cain

- Tentative agreement between SDUSD and teacher’s union on continuing to extend phase 1. The tentative agreement is on union website. Goal is to remove barriers that were in holding some sites back from scheduling in person sessions. This isn’t going to get us back to fully in person, but will be helping out most at risk students. Essentially school district is directing funds to help provide substitutes to do some of the in-person sessions.
- Elementary classrooms are almost all set to be able to come back. Now working on middle school classrooms. Hoping to have the anniversary of when we left school last year, March 13 can then be a new start. Would love to start Monday, March 15 as a fresh start, including doing some spring cleaning around campus.
- Looking forward to the community forum Feb. 17, registration link is in the Gecko Gazette and here. There will be a Spanish interpreter there.
- Question: Middle school getting half time per subject. If we are hybrid next year, will that remain or will they get full course load? Response: Unknown, working on what it will look like in person. May have to reorganize as we go. Don’t know the answer until we have more information on when and how we will come back.
- Question: With expanding phase 1, what is the cap on number of students? Response: The contract talks about a new configuration which states that the number is 14, but unsure what they fully means. Will get more information on that in upcoming meetings, but the agreement looks like we could have 14 in a group. Timing and flexibility per site are unknown, will share as she has it.
- From Lara: There is a petition going, started from Grant, asking the county to release vaccines for SDUSD teachers.

Foundation report and Imagine Campaign Update – Megan

- Wine and chocolate pairing event is coming on Feb. 21. An evite went to all those who have donated to the campaign so far and it was in the Grant Blast.
- Very close to the goal for the year. Teacher salaries are funded, now getting funds for other things like the science lab.
- There will a beer tasting event with Green Flash in April. A mother’s day themed Zoom yoga session coming.

Action items

- Memory books and signs for 8th graders. Signs would be around $1,000 and memory books would be $2,500. Board discussed and support this. Elena motions to release up to $3,500 for 8th grade memory books and signs. Paula seconds. Motion carries
Treasurer’s Report- John

- YTD we are deficient spending as we wait for the Imagine campaign to clear the account. All expenditures for the year are lower than we budgeted. We are where we are expected to be.

Roundtable

- I Love a Clean San Diego will be in our neighborhood this weekend. Saturday, Feb 13 from 9-11am.
- Great Backyard Bird Count happening to get people to go look at the birds in their community.
- Jog-a-thon committee is putting together ideas on how to handle the 2021 event. Volunteers are needed, reach out to Beth brm@distant-hum.com if you want to get involved.
- Need to form a nominating committee for elections that will happen in April. If interested in being on the committee, let Lara know. John, Sandy, Laura, Stephanie, and Smitha will do it.
- Michele has a great group of people on the panel for the community forum. Can we provide small gift ($30 total) to them. Yes, that is within our budget.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm