Grant PTA General Meeting

Oct. 13, 2020, Virtual meeting via Zoom

7:02 Meeting call to order – Lara, president

PTA Membership – Ben – looking to do a personal outreach to those who have not yet joined. Anne has reached out to teachers who have not yet joined and will continue to do so. We are short members from last year. We are currently at 167 and had 209 last year.

Call for room parent room reps. We need room reps for the following classes: K Williams, 1st Harris, 2nd Jimenez, 3rd Crawford, 3rd Steinberg, 4th Hurtle, 4/5 Brandt, 5th Silva, 5th Hampton, Middle School. Smitha will take Hampton and Silva, Jen M will take middle school, Gina Jacobs will do Crawford.

Treasurer’s Report – John

- We had $188,246.54 at the beginning of September
- Total reported revenue in September was $855. There were $2,730.10 in expenses accrued in September. There were $8,162.10 in total checks that cleared in September
- For the current reporting period (Sept. 1–30) we had net revenue of -$7,411.17 and a current ending balance of $180,835.37
- There were $19,132 in outstanding checks resulting in an ending cash on hand balance of approximately $161,703.37.
- Oct budget change of Halloween carnival happening, had budgeted to lose a little money on it.

Imagine Campaign – Lara and Brian

- Requesting donations now and looking for family participation
- Have raised $16k out of $80k
- Class contest: First place: Ms. Brandt’s class with 11 participants, Second place: Ms. Wilson’s class with 9 participants, third place is a tie, with Ms. Lovern/Spingola’s class and Ms. Carroll’s class
- Donate yourself and ask at least 2 friends to donate as well
  https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E350265&id=1
- Need support in order fund art and science coordinators

Principal Report – Michele Cain

- Phase 1 has really come together. Have really clear offerings and have made a lot of progress in being clear on processes and how everyone will flow. With that, when we are ready to scale up we are in a good place and it will be less overwhelming. Appointments will go out starting this week.
- SPSA document related to categorical funding, which goes through School Site Council (SSC). Work on this is getting going.
- Principal chats have been small groups, allowing opportunity to really connect and find out what is important to our community. They happen every Wednesday, the link is in the school newsletter on the calendar. Time alternates each week from morning to evening.
• Question on if she sees the possibility of full return to campus by the start of the new year. It’s a guessing game. The timeline is totally unknown and lots of logistics to figure out.
• School messenger sometimes only sends to one email address per household. Can login to the newsletter website and request, and it’s also on the school website.
• Have enough members for School Site Council (SSC). Site Governance Team (SGT) is next up to fill

Roundtable

• Grant Cookbook- Smitha Arons – Do a pandemic cookbook. Does anyone want to take the lead on it with Smitha helping? Jasmine said that she would be able to be a resource
• Halloween carnival – what are we doing since it is the first year that we aren’t doing it? Possible costume parade in the park as long as people are social distancing. A virtual cake decorating contest where people can upload their photos or videos of their cakes. Send Lara your ideas. How can we combine with Imagine, possibly sell art from art class? Will connect with Carolyn and Maggie to see how we can work something for that.
• Halloween art contest happening and due Oct. 20. Send to sekedal@sandi.net. Theme is anything Halloween and looking to put a banner up with a collage of the artwork.
• Crack Shack fundraiser Oct 21. Mention Grant when ordering and 15% comes back to the school. We got $500 from Lefty’s
• Reflections art program is happening, due Oct. 26. Can be any type of art (paint, drawing, poetry, song, etc).
• Looking for a historian. Low key job and not a lot of pressure. Shira Bicknell volunteers for historian.
• Grant is a polling location. It will not present a problem with public being in contact with students or staff. Then polling entrance will be in main office, and student appointments will not be going through there.
• Safe Spaces is ready to start again for this year. Rosabla meeting with the counselors and then will be communicating to parents.

7:43 PM Adjourn