

PTA Meeting

11/4/21

3:15pm

In the MPR and Zoom (Audio)

**Majo Spencer called the meeting to order at 315PM**

### **Introduction of the board**

Majo Spencer- President

Melissa Anderson- Vice President (Present via zoom)

Alex Sanchez- Secretary

Jenny Panziera- Treasurer (Not present)

Jay Marden- Principal

### **PTA V.P. Melissa Anderson will present the structure of the meetings moving forward**

We will be following CUSD protocol regarding board meetings. We are resuming in person meetings as it is safe to do so according to CDPH guidelines, with the ability to zoom in for listening purposes. We will also allow anyone to address the board on non-agenized items in open comments. Each speaker must be an active member of the PTA (unless otherwise decided by the board) and we ask each speaker to be respectful of time and address the board in a respectful manner. We will cut you off if you speak during agenda on non-agenized minutes.

### **Open Comments**

Around seven or eight 5<sup>th</sup> grade students spoke on changing the name of the father daughter family dance and mother son family carnival to be more inclusive. They suggest changing the tradition of events on which all children can attend all the events. The concern is not all students have a mother or a father.

Two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students spoke about wanting everyone to attend the father daughter family dance and the mother son family carnival.

Parent spoke about the stereotype of the events and the trauma it can cause. Her Mother is an advocate for foster children that they had this kind of trauma and to not add more to the burden of these children.

Parent spoke about being a foster child and that she understands how these children feel. She states she is very passionate about the structure and would like this change.

Parent spoke about how the father daughter family dance and the mother son family carnival are exceptional events. They have all been very well attended and he is very thankful for them.

Parent spoke about how when children don't feel included this may cause trauma.

Parent spoke about being new to the school and feels very welcomed. He was impressed on how the children came up and spoke.

Parent spoke about appreciating everything the PTA has done to host these events. He and his daughter appreciate the time they get at the dance. He also states that he has seen Fathers at the mother son family carnival and vice versa. All events are well attended. Uncles, Grandfathers and others do attend any and all events.

Parents spoke about being thankful to all the adults for all the events. Has 2 sons and is having a hard time not being able to attend the dance.

Mr. Marden spoke about how he has loved being a part of this community for the past 20 years. He loves that these kids feel safe to come up and speak about this subject and that they are so compassionate about it. He states he is very proud of them.

Parent wants to know the next steps to decide what will happen with the name change.

Majo thanked those that spoke and complimented the students on what a great job they did. Majo explained that the board will now have a discussion during the next executive board meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Melissa reviewed the 9/15/21 PTA meeting minutes and asks for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. These are available to view on our PTA website.

Meeting minutes motioned by 2 participants and approved

### **Budget review**

Melissa reviewed the budget summary. Balance on hand 7/1/21 \$12,678.65. Balance on hand on 11/3/21 \$52,931.16. Monies spent on spirit gear, yearbook expenses, fall festival, new family welcome events, otter cove, membership dues and insurance, operating funds (bookkeeper), staff appreciation, TUF fundraising, assemblies, field trips, garden to table program, teacher grants.

A total of roughly \$2,700 was not used for TUF related expenses plus a google donation. We would like a motion to move the money to principal fund and/or facility improvements.

Motioned by 2 participants and approved

Art supplies were ordered before approval. Total of \$1,237.73 and unable to be reimbursed by the district. The district made arrangements to have PTA cover the amount and they would pay the \$1237.73 towards field trips to even out.

Motioned and approved

### **Field trips update**

Majo spoke about the field trips are happening across all grade levels and are going great.

### **Update of events (Fall Festival, pumpkin carving)**

Majo spoke about the fall festival being a huge success and a huge thank you to Jenn Nolan and her crew for putting it together and staying within budget. Very well attended, awesome parent volunteer participation.

We hosted our first ever pumpkin carving event which was extremely well attended. Parents gave very positive feedback and stated they would like to see this happen every year.

Parent mentioned that the \$10 pumpkins were too expensive. Majo explained that we suggested they bring their own pumpkin, but we brought extra to sell just in case, and they were almost all purchased without a complaint about the price.

### **Principal update**

Mr. Marden states that this is the first in person meeting in 2 years and that it is nice to see everyone in person. Not quite normal status but slowly getting there. Only 1 school based COVID case to date. Everyone doing a great job wearing their masks. It has been a full-time job trying to ensure everyone's safety. Vaccines are starting to roll out for 5-11 year old's. Its sounding like personal exemptions will be an option. Vaccines will be available soon here at school for any parent wanting to take advantage of that.

A parent mentioned that it would be nice to have Q&A type document for new parents to better understand TUF and PTA.

Majo states that the PTA board is new this year. We are all busy parents volunteering our time and we need to be kind and respectful to one another. Melissa mentioned that we are always available by email as this particular parent is aware and that we are more than happy to answer any questions but will not be accepting of constant criticism that has currently gone on.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm**