

PTA Meeting

12/8/21

3:15pm

In the Room 26 and Zoom (Audio)

**Majo Spencer called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM. Late start due to last minute location change.**

### **Board**

Majo Spencer- President

Melissa Anderson- Vice President

Alex Sanchez- Secretary

Jenny Panziera- Treasurer (Present via zoom)

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**

A parent spoke up about how she didn't agree with the board not directly addressing the students regarding the father daughter family dance and instead she received a response via email on a Saturday morning before break and had to tell her child. She also read a line from the email that she disagreed with.

Parent asked about getting information on holiday gift ideas. Melissa explained how there is a binder in the office that staff filled out with ideas. Melissa will be happy to scan and email them if requested. Room parents should be communicating information around this.

Melissa introduced our newly appointed site representatives.

Classified representative- Julie Larimer (present at the meeting)

Certificated representative- Yessenia Ruggiero (present via zoom)

### **Budget Review**

Melissa was appointed to review the budget since Jenny was not present. Jenny was available via zoom to answer any questions. The balance on hand as of 11/5/21 was \$52,931.16 and the balance on hand as of 12/7/21 was \$52,636.03. Monies spent on otter cove, field trips, spirit gear, teachers' appreciation, facilities improvement.

### **Staff Appreciation Lunch and Breakfast**

Majo talked about the conference week staff breakfast and lunch put on by the PTA and chaired by Dominique Smith. It was well organized and very much appreciated. We did not hear one thing about doing away with the parents bringing in lunches for the teachers like we have historically done. This was a way we could include all staff and take it off the parents. We had a breakfast and taco truck lunch. We will do it again during the next conference week in March.

### **Field Trip Update**

Walking and bus field trips are still happening. Advised parents to be sure to send pictures for yearbook purposes.

Parent stated that she went on a field trip, and it was a great experience and would like for more parents to have that opportunity. Thought it might be a good idea to communicate that more to parents. Mr. Marden explained how that process works and Melissa explained that all must be vaccinated as well.

### **Tree Light and Holiday Store**

Our first ever tree lighting will be this Friday at 430pm. We have invited students to bring an item that fits inside a lunch size paper bag that represents their families' values, heritage and/or faith. We will have the dance center here to perform polar express and hot chocolate followed by the lighting if the existing tree on campus.

Holiday store will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> after school. Students will be able to purchase gifts to give to their family. We talked about getting some high school students to help and obtain volunteer hours.

Parent expressed that they had a holiday store at their previous school, and it was a great success.

Ideas thrown out by parents for next year... purchase our own items. Keep track of what is popular this year. Nora offered to maybe run it next year. Use local stores.

### **Principal Update**

School district has allocated more resources for all the learning loss due to time our students' loss. There are more social emotional issues. District is giving more resources with counseling and behavioral health.

Later start at CHS that will affect our site. No specific details yet but more to come. River could have early out days for staff development. Transportation will be most affected and that will determine start times.

A parent brought up hoping to see after school programs be brought back. Julie Larimer and PTA will discuss. According to CDPH we can bring them back, so we just have to discuss the logistics with things like cleaning protocols, instructors needing to be vaccinated, etc.

A parent asked with an earlier start if River Rec will still be offered. Mr. Marden states they plan to continue to offer all programs, but logistics have to be worked out.

A parent mentioned how inconvenient our meeting times are and that she had to take off work. Another spoke to the fact that we won't be able to accommodate and make everyone happy. Melissa mentioned that we also have received feedback that parents like the time. Another parent pointed out that you can also listen in on zoom for that reason.

Next meeting will be on 1/18/22 at 3:15pm and all the meetings can be found on the website.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm**