

CMS PTO Meeting

September 4, 2019

In Attendance:

Eva Gusdergsdottir, Alicia Tao, Sara Hinds, Stacey Profeta, Lovina Worick, Angie Sullivan, Jennifer Kasper, Holly Temple Mabry, Jennifer Leighton, Amy Wang, Veronica Foley, Emily Frew, Carina Cristofalo, Pia Garneau, Aga Simpson, Sara Maguire, Barb Dill-Varga, Tamara Michele, Dan Morgan

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Serve-a-thon update
3. Board roles and open positions discussion
4. Funding requests
5. Principal's Report
6. New Business

Meeting commenced: 7:57 am 9/4/2019

Welcome and Introductions

Budget Discussion

- Waiting until serve-a-thon is completed before the budget is discussed and approved

Serve-a-thon update

- It's been launched
- Service day portion has been assigned
- Pia is asking if, for next year, we can use Google Forms to collect the student's service day activity choices. Dan is okay to do that. We can actually set that up for next year. Let's use technology to cut down on the manual work. This item has been added to the SAT post mortem meeting.
- Cards of Kindness is asking for donations (granted their request to ask parents for donation)
- Lovina asked about posters by Liz Wells for Serve a thon (Dan routed her to ask Liz Wells directly)

Board roles and open positions discussion

- After Serve-a-thon, Stacy Meheen will be serving as Treasurer. Angie can't take on the amount of work it will take to serve out the year as Treasurer.
- Alicia is asking if there's anyone interested in Treasurer position or to be co-treasurer, Carina raised her hand and said she would be interested
- Alicia Tao described her role as VP. She will be stepping down after the Serve-a-thon.
- Angie is asking that there be someone to shadow the 8th grade dance and the 8th grade brunch.
- Lovina asked Alicia about the MEarth rep – in the past it was a MEarth staff person who attended all the meetings. PTO funds \$8,500 each year. Staff person should attend every meeting. Alicia is recommending that we review the bylaws. Angie let Alicia know we're planning to have an executive board meeting to review the bylaws.

- Eva – announced that Cerry R has arranged a first Friday coffee every month from 8-9 at Coffee Bank as well as will do some number of evening parent-only events.

Funding Requests

- Stephen Myer runs Maker's Space (Chess, Magic the Gathering) – he is asking to purchase the card game Munchkin, Stratego, Star Realms.
Under \$80: *Approved*
- Darrell Steely: Bird Seed Project for science to be able to attract and study birds.
\$650: *Approved (in the budget)*
- Susan Thompson: Match the selfie with the Shelfie; Guess the Mass of the Pumpkin; National Geography Bee and Spelling Bee; Battle of the Books (typically over 100 participants); Film Festival; Great Pi Recital
\$2,000: *Approved (in the budget)*
- Elizabeth Mayer: Grid Poster
Under \$50: *Approved*
- Thompson (Library) Team Kiara
\$600 for tshirts for teachers and staff to support Kiara Hinze (not yet approved – will be discussed at a special meeting)

It was asked why the honors breakfasts weren't being done. Dan said there had been a discussion that it wasn't inclusive – kids were turned away at the door who weren't clear that it was a GPA division. Dan agrees that honoring kids with a certain GPA is a good thing, but wants to be sensitive to feeling inclusive of all kids. Those events didn't operate in the spirit of inclusion. PTO had sponsored these breakfasts/lunches in the past. We still do honor roll certificates.

Principal's Report

- Year opened really well
- BAC really successful
- Ohana Day went well. Teachers commented that this year was really special. Teamwork, communication and collaboration. Kids compete but the point is teambuilding. Barb Dill Varga described her participation...said that she saw kids who didn't know each other bond.
- SAT kick off went well. 8th Graders aren't as motivated, but the 6th Graders were very excited.
- Our expenses are decreasing for the prizes for kids.
- The PTO feels the kids should be focused on raising money for the school...not on big prizes. The parents in attendance seemed to be in general agreement.
- Three big things in the works:
 - o Lava Beds – 8th grade trip first-come/first-serve usually between 40-50 kids. They're getting ready to take off in two weeks to Oregon for Lava Beds.
 - o MBOE scheduled to happen in a week and a half. It has traditionally taken place in the Spring but (normally we get rained out). So it was moved to the beginning of the year which has been great. Darryl Steely has helped arrange a visit to Hastings Reserve. We're the first school they're hosting. Nationally renowned woodpecker project they will be able to participate in. Also will do Palo Corona – working with regional parks to

make that hike happen (study watershed, etc). Program ends at Carmel Beach (Pacific Grove Natural History Museum shows the “limbus” study – counting sand crabs)

- Hamilton: Dan and Lillian King Foundation is funding every 8th Grader in Monterey County to see Hamilton. 197 out of 210 students are going. The foundation is covering everything – buses, tickets. There will be other schools there. Meal on the way up on the bus, meal on the way back on the bus. Someone asked if this is ongoing or just this year (did not record the answer). Jen Kasper said the teachers have gotten CD’s of the show and some are listening to it in the classroom.
- Last year 8th Graders were able to attend Mayhem Poets
- 626 kids in attendance. Things are going well.

New Business

- No new business was mentioned

Meeting adjourned at 8:57am

Special Executive Board Meeting PTO

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Dan Morgan
Jen Kasper
Holly Temple
Angie Sullivan
Eva Gusdergsdottir
Lovina Worick
Alicia Tao

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- Discussion for SAT: the Executive Board proposed that we should not be doing individual SAT sales for kids on school campus
Everyone understood.
- Who's funding the Halloween Dance? Music Boosters doesn't necessarily want to host the dance, but money needs to be raised. Dan will set up a meeting with PTO and the Music Boosters to see what they plan to do. This will mean the Halloween Dance comes back to the PTO but not have it be extravagant. PTO would support the dance.
- Who's funding the other dances? PTO has a line item for the two dances.
- Need to delineate dance expenses vs. climate and culture expenses
- Discussed if PTO should have a role in funding tshirts for Team Chiara. PTO very much wishes to support this funding request, but feels that staff/admin should also participate as this is community-oriented and falls out of the purview of a 'school event'. PTO would like to supplement all 8th Graders, leadership and staff in having a tshirt
- Yoga Teacher for MBOE: we're at an impasse on how to handle this as PTO feels hiring a teacher should be done by the district.
- Meals for Hamilton – they'll pay for every meal except for those students who are on Free/Reduced lunch, so PTO is being asked to cover lunch for those students. PTO agreed to do that.
- Are we going to adjust times for the PTO Meetings? Next PTO meeting we will keep it at 7:45

Executive Board Meeting adjourned 10:22am