

Center Street School - PTA General Assembly Meeting Minutes

When: October 20, 2021

Where: Virtual Meeting

Present: Heather Sutherland, Kelly Mularz, Elizabeth Magana Goldfarb, Jordan Peterson, Laurie Berkowitz, Marli Huie, Shalee Tan, Karen McAndrews, Elena Kingston, Wendy Turk, Andrea Ennis, Madeline Jones, Jennifer Malone, Dieema Wheaton, Ashlyn Sze, Shauna Skarin, Yuki Cole, Dr. Monahan, Kim Holm, Jack Train, Karrie Carpenter, Heather Curtis, Bo Carpenter, Elina Garcia

Opening Business

Meeting called to order by President Heather at 6:32 pm

Motion #1, Laurie: "I move to approve the general meeting on October 20, 2021 to be held virtually."

Seconded/No Discussion/Approved

Principal Report, Martha Monahan

School Report:

- Following up on what Dieema mentioned, mental health is something we're dealing with, not just with kids, but faculty and the parents as well. This has stressed everyone out. Due to kids immaturity, they're sort of ok. At 3-5 grade level, they're so naive and innocent, its refreshing. Young behaviors, but nice. Little kids aren't socialized right now, so working hard to get them back on track and follow norms. It's slow going as they've experienced some trauma coming out of being only at home with their parents. Some behaviors that are shown aren't acceptable for school. Everyone is working hard to get the positive place, but the naivete is helpful. -Teachers are doing so well, but it's a lot on them. They've been through a lot too, and on the front line dealing with emotional issues daily. Resources are here at school, and they are being used. Next in-service is on this: "Big Potential" from Sean Acre out of harvard. Hes a happiness expert. So teachers will be building teams, and focusing on self-care.
- PTA Board- Jaogathon- what an amazing event. A few bumps with having people back on campus, but they worked through it well. Everything went so well, and it raised a ton of money. CSS has an amazing community where everyone comes together!
- Library is happening! It's almost finished and beautiful, it's wired and so technologically advanced. Has a modern look with the CSS feel. Book fair will be held in there later.
- Halloween parade-10/29. Parents come and watch from the sidewalk outside of campus, not allowed on campus this year. Still will be a fun day for the kids.
- Ladies Night Out! Mr. Olesiuk will be walking!
- Parents on campus to volunteer must show proof of vaccine or a neg test within 48 or 72 hrs (this is a recent state requirement).

School Board Report, Dieema Wheaton

- CSS construction- drop-off drive-thru is in award phase and moving forward. New driveway soon! No access during construction.
- Library Media Center upgrade- in the closeout phase of the project. This was completed within budget! Great use of funds, and had a good team to watch over.
- Last Monday, Dr. Goode, director of human resources. Dr Moore was appointed to two boards. Huge accomplishment. School employers association of CA, and digital link to schools (copy and pasted: Dr. Moore was named a board member for the School Employers Association of California (SEAC) and an advisory board member for the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools.) We have excellent schools and people move here for them. Stay in the name.
- Skechers walk- for every \$30 registration, we get \$200 back!
- Mental health- 10/19 was "National Bully Awareness Day." On NPR yesterday, they were talking about kids during the pandemic and how they're doing. Kids have been through a lot mentally. Other districts are scrambling to put programs in place, but we already have RULER in place. Care solace also, offers care 24/7 to our families. Reach out if you need assistance with your children (copied: The district wants to remind families of the 24/7 mental health service available through our partner Care Solace.)
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Ed Report, Ashlyn Sze and Jen Malone

- (Ashlyn) Spoke about Skechers walk and purpose. Assists children with special needs and their families. Money helps the school in special needs area as well as in other areas. Also supports, P.E., library, etc. Prizes in the raffle to entice more to register!
- (Jen) HEather- ED Foundation Report: welcome to the council Board!!! Ladies night out- models from PTA Exec Board and Council Board.

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary, Madeline Jones

- September, total receipts of \$3,049 and deposits of \$117.

Treasurer, Elizabeth Magana Goldfarb

- In August, the checking account began at \$80,219.33. -We had deposits from Totem for 90 member \$427.50
- Checks 5330-5331 and 5338-5347 were for a total of \$4,892.89.
- We ended with a balance of \$75,753.94

- Paypal account started with a balance of \$1,355.95
- Amazon Smile deposit of \$254.55

With an ending balance of \$1,610.50

Motion #2, Elizabeth: "I move to ratify checks 5330- 5347 totaling \$4,892.89."

Seconded/No Discussion/Approved.

-For September 2021, we sold spirit wear at In N Out picnic night earning \$117 cash and more on credit card payments

-Totem deposit

-Checks 5348-5365 totaled \$16,978.57

-And we ended September with a balance of \$61,383.77

-In the PayPal bank account, we accumulated \$2,936.97, which was then transferred.

We ended September with a balance of \$4,547.47.

Motion #3, Elizabeth: "I move to ratify checks 5348-5365 totaling \$16,978.57,"

Seconded/No Discussion/Approved

(Audit Update: auditing Jan 1-30, she's half way through and will be done by the next meeting.)

Board Reports

President Report, Heather Sutherland

- Ladies Night Out: 11/18
- 4th and 5th grade playground committee: this will be happening faster than we thought! Seeking committee for this with Shalee. {People interested: Shalee, Laurie, Andrea, Kim Holm}
- Monies from PTA Council: each year council offers each site \$5,000 from the run. At first, we didn't take it because we didn't need it and High School could use it. When there's extra money raised, the President needs to put in a request and then as a Council it will be decided if that school gets it. Decide what the money is going toward, and then tell the sponsors. CSS is getting \$5,000 because Heather took it from Council. She's writing a request to be able to get \$10,000 for the playground. Let's not wait, there's so much money we've raised, let's just take it and move forward!
 - Discussion with Shalee- we had to include infrastructure, level the area ,etc. Not just buying equipment. The district wasn't sure if they had enough to help, but it's all working out. Haven't started discussions yet, but it will happen soon.
 - Teachers have asked the parents for \$5 per kid for TFK (Time for Kids). Use it with their curriculum for history, new things,etc Now they're asking that PTA pays for it.

Motion #4, Laurie: "I move to add a line item to the budget for 5th grade TFK in the amount of \$850."
Seconded/No Discussion/Approved

-Trying to figure out how to do Parent Nights. Pushback is from the companies, they're just not comfortable doing this yet. So, PS Arts will not do an in-person, but will do virtual art night. There's also virtual dance nights they're looking into. Still working on Story Pirates, but they want to do it via Zoom. Teachers could do the first half in class with the students, and the second part with parents via Zoom. Hopefully we'll have dates by the next meeting.

1st VP (Leadership) Report, Laurie Berkowitz

- Story Pirates- maybe a date in December, working on it. Will be virtual. Maybe an assembly and a parent night. Or pushing back to later in the year so it can be in person.

2nd VP (Family Programs) Report, Andrea Ennis

- Need a STEAM night chair- will be a smaller scale with Mrs. Hoppe doing an experiment with a small audience in the quad.
- Reflections: due on 10/22.
- Red Ribbon Week : 10/25-10/29. Large sign in the quad where kids can put a kind message to their friends. They'll get 2 books and paint rocks with encouraging messages to put in the garden. Kids get a seed packet.

Motion #5, Andrea: "I move to increase the Red Ribbon Week Budget not to exceed \$2,300."
Seconded

Discussion- increase coming so each teacher gets 2 books instead of just one. So we'll pay for both books!

Approved

3rd VP (Fundraising) Report, London Bees (absent)
Jog A Thon Update, Shalee Tan

-Blown away with the numbers! Goal was set low due to Covid times, but the community rallied!

-*Statistics*: 4 classes -100% registration. Current Top earner: raised over \$1,000. 31 kids earned \$500 game truck. 118 raised over \$250, 340 kids (45%) raised over \$100. 80% donated \$10 or more. Everyone knows what PTA is and does, they want this playground! Fundraising closes on Friday. -*Prizes*: shipping delays for the lanyards, we ran out of hats and water bottles. We will continue to send prizes out as they come in stock.

-Pizza parties- working with Dominos to see how much they can do.
Game truck- early November- waiting on confirmation. No friends
this year due to Covid. All in we're over \$100k!!!!

**Motion #6, Shalee: "I move that we increase the 2021 Jag-A-Thon
budget not to exceed \$20,000."
Seconded/No Discussion/Approved**

5th Grade Fundraiser Update, Marli

- Cookie fundraiser. Online sales until 10/24. 105 boxes in sales, keep it coming!

Historian, Mary February-Cotrufo (absent)

Classroom Programs, Kelly Mularz

- Halloween Parties: in addition to parade, kids can have parties in their classes. No parent help is allowed, but room parents are coordinating it all for the teachers.

Communications/Web Chair, Marli Huie (Heather reported)

- Anything that needs to go on FB or out for communication, contact Marli

Hospitality, Karen McAndrews

- Nothing to report

Membership, Wendy Turk

- 410 members- goal is 460 (almost there!). Can sign up kids too.

Volunteer Coordinator, Elina Garcia

- Nothing to report

Auditor, Rishi Sidhpura (absent)

Unfinished Business, Jordan Peterson

- Approval of September 2021 Minutes
The minutes are adopted as presented.

New Business, Shalee Tan

- Jog A Thon: see above
ES girls softball- rooftop movie fundraiser

Calendar Posted.

Hours: refer to Google Doc

Adjourned at 7:31pm

Absences: London Reber, Mary February, Rishi Sidhpura

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