

## **Center Street School - PTA General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**When:** March 23, 2022

**Where:** CSS Library

**Present:** Heather Sutherland, Jordan Peterson, Marli Huie, Kelly Mularz, Andrea Ennis, Dr. Monahan, London Reber, Mary February, Madeline Jones, Ashley Liberty, Kristina, Karrie Carpenter, Melissa Train, Heather Curtis, Wendy Turk, Whitney Groendal, Emilee Layne

### **Opening Business**

Meeting called to order by President Heather at 6:31 pm.

### **Special Presentation**

Library Staff, Kristina and Amy

- Kristina: Heads ups education and outreach. Getting back to normal. Everyone loves the new library space. Main library: unique partnership with the school libraries. The kids' library cards will be the same card for all school libraries and main library- both in person and online sources. This is helpful for school reports.
- Entertainment- building online movies/pbs shows etc. Ad-free stuff for all ages to take advantage of.  
Open for full hours and services.
- Building in person programming- story time, book groups, concerts, etc. Everything is coming back!
- There is a color scanner at the library you can use, rent out private rooms for study groups for free
- Encourages everyone to enjoy the library as a family
- Website is super helpful for any questions

Amy (library assistant):

- A few kids still need to get their library cards. Easy to do
- Already working on social issues with the 5th grade, they are very thoughtful in the books they pick out. Trying to give kids books on relevant events
- Starting art projects with younger grades
- Takes suggestions from the kids and they'll pick out books to read to the class that kids have chosen!

### **Principal Report**

School Report, Martha Monahan

- CSS is back! Spring Sing will happen in-person, in the quad. Promotion will happen all together. Calling the space "Cougar Pavilion."
- Field trips are back. Kinder went to the farm, 5th grade to the Music Center.
- But, anticipate that kids are going to get sick again

- Love having volunteers back on campus
- 5th grade will be doing groups to talk about friendships and acquaintances and how they change as they get older. Mr. O and Dr. M will lead these. Some kids are very immature, and naive (which we secretly love), but they need to build social skills as relationships and/or interests change.

## **School Board Report**

Emilee Layne

- Bond update: (link on ESUSD homepage from the Board meeting if you want detailed information). Construction is ending soon!! Ribbon cutting to come. Project turned out great and really solved a lot of the issues we had.
- Field trips: exciting that they've been approved by the board. (Not all the sites we've visited previously are ready for field trips, so getting the ones that we can do going.)
- District wide: kind of quiet right now, not a lot to report.

## **Financial Reports**

Financial Secretary, Madeline Jones

Total receipts for March is \$667.00

Treasurer, Elizabeth Magana Goldfarb

Present January 2022:

- January checking account started with \$136,336.02. One deposit for \$9.50, wrote checks totaling \$14,393.56. Ending balance \$121,951.96.
- There was no activity in our Citizens Bank PayPal account. Beginning and ending balance was \$6,522.73.

Present February 2022

- Feb checking \$121,951.96 with two deposits totaling \$15,795.76. Voided 2 checks lost in mail. Wrote checks \$2,559.19. Ending balance was \$136,331.03.
- There was no activity in the Citizen Bank PayPal account
- Beginning and ending balance of \$6,522.73.
- Total cash balance was \$142,853.76.

## **Board Reports**

President Report, Heather Sutherland

- 4th/5th Grade Playground Update:
  - Have to do an ADA buildout, but we're already ADA compliant throughout the school. So the playground must be accessible in a wheelchair. Shouldn't be hard, we just need a little more money. We need a path to get from a few areas to the playground. Must be direct access. The three companies that were approved for

equipment, will be contacted to see if they can build with ADA compliance in mind. Then we buy equipment and the company stores it. Once we have our funds, we get started on the building. (Equipment needs to be bought first, then we pay the builders.) Goal is to get this started after the JAT next year, so fall 2022. Ballparking the whole project may be close to \$200K now. Would love for it to be in by Jan of 2023, but we'll need some money from next year's JAT. Working on logistics and budgets, etc. Dr. M says as soon as everything is in place, it isn't a hard job, so it should just happen easily.

- Safety Patrol:
  - Information will be sent out from room parents. Schedule will be sent out once they figure out logistics. Will likely start with older grades so the parents are familiar with the process.
  
- Ellison Dye Cut Machine:
  - A part needs to be replaced.  
**Motion #1, Andrea: "I move to purchase the Dye Cut Machine Parts not to exceed \$300."**  
**Seconded/No Discussion/Approved**
  - Run for Education: It's happening, run and help to sign up! This is a great opportunity to access these funds.

1<sup>st</sup> VP (Leadership) Report, Laurie Berkowitz (Absent)

2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Family Programs) Report, Andrea Ennis

- STEAM Night: Wed., 4/13. Virtual with Mrs. Hoppe. Email will be sent out soon with registration information.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Fundraising) Report, London Reber

- **Read A Thon**: Finished second annual! Went along with Literacy week. Goal was \$25K and we raised \$44,055!
  - Reward parties in SAndowicz and Hoover
  - Average person students was \$125
  - 507 kids participated. 996 individual donations
- **ICS**: Info on (ice cream social) was discussed: 6/1, not a community event.

Historian, Mary February-Cotrufo

- Nothing to report

Classroom Programs, Kelly Mularz

- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - May 2-6. We have a committee going. Sports theme: "We're your #1 Fans." Email will be sent out after spring break so everyone knows what the schedule is for what kids need to bring for teachers and what the teachers will be receiving. Then all the fun things for all the Faculty and staff (meals, raffles,

**Motion #2, Kelly: "I move to increase the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week budget from \$3,000 to \$4,000."**  
**Seconded/No Discussion/Approved**

Communications/Web Chair, Marli Huie  
 -Nothing to report

Hospitality, Karen Mc Andrews (Absent)

Membership, Wendy Turk

- At 428 members, goal is 460
- (Heather will meet with Council and is trying to get the PTA card to get discounts at local restaurants and shops.

Volunteer Coordinator, Elina Garcia

- Nothing to report

Auditor, Rishi Sidhpura (Absent)

### **Unfinished Business**

Approval of February 2022 Minutes, Jordan Peterson  
 February minutes are approved as presented.

### **New Business**

Committee Elections, Andrea Ennis

- **Motion #3 , Andrea: "I move to bypass the readings of the following bylaws: Article V- Sections 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 3d, 3g, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11)."**  
**Seconded/No Discussion/Approved**
- Slate was presented on the tables for everyone to see. Shalee, Kelly, Wendy, Madeline, Andrea were a part of the committee.

### **Calendar Review**

April 4-8th- Spring Break  
 April 13th-Exec Board Meeting 930am  
 April 13th- Virtual STEAM Night 5-6pm  
 April 27th- General Meeting 630pm

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

**Absences:** Laurie Berkowitz, Shalee Tan, Karen McAndrews, Rishi Sidhpura, Elizabeth Magana Goldfarb, Shalee Tan