

**Sycamore Ridge PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
The Second General Association Meeting of the year**

Called to order by: Gregory Reade, PTA President at 5:07 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

Attendance: Gregory Reade (PTA), Anneka Broad (PTA), Megan Scanderbeg (PTA), Nikki Boldt (PTA), Lou Lu (PTA), Sandy Tanaka (PTA), Katya Zamora (PTA), Pete Purcell, Sarah Sargen, Oksana O'Neill, Rana Shayya, Gary Wong, Nelson Ortega, Cindy Ko, Yenny Lim, and Ms. Moore.

- Welcome/call to order

President/Gregory Reade

- Approve Minutes from 1/12/2021 Board Meeting
 - Gregory Reade asked for motion to approve minutes
 - Nikki B motioned
 - Peter P seconded the motion
 - Motion was approved unanimously by Board

Board/Committee Volunteer for 2021-2022

- The Board is looking for volunteers that are interested in joining the board for next school year
- Reach out to Gregory R if interested

Upcoming Events

- Read-a-thon Prize distribution (2/12/2021) – Lou Lu
 - Popsicles will be handed out for in-person students during school hour
 - Principal Moore will dress up as Willie Wonka and drop into all classrooms
 - Drive-thru popsicle handouts will be also available for Launch students afterschool.
- Daughter Dance Video – Anneka Broad
 - Videos submission for contest now open
 - Promote to Launch students via Facebook group
 - Final date for submission is 2/14/2021

Treasurer Report (Nikki Boldt)

- Nikki asked for motion to approve January 1st – February 1st and separate January 13th – February 8th transactions reports
 - Lou L motioned
 - Sara L seconded the motion
 - Motion approved unanimously
- Nikki asked for motion to ratify Check numbers #3102-3115
 - Lou L motioned

- Peter P seconded the motion
- Motion approved unanimously
- Nikki asked for motion to approve Mid-year Audit 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020, December 31, 2020) and Audit Checklist
 - Lou L motioned
 - Peter P seconded the motion
 - Motion approved unanimously
- Nikki asked for motion to approve transaction report from 10/8/2020-Feb 8, 2021 (Checks #3056-3115)
 - Sara L motioned to approve
 - Peter P seconds motion
 - Motion approved unanimously

Mini Grants (Nikki Boldt)

- Roughly 70% of all Sycamore Ridge teachers have applied for mini-grants
- \$13,000+ of the \$16,000 allocated in the budget has been provided to teachers

Principal's Report (Chelsea Moore)

STEAM+ Update

- Science-Integration Specialist-Art-Music are all occurring this year
 - Twitter hashtag #SRidgeSTEAM developed to showcase updates for STEAM+
 - Outdoor art studio has been created for students to rotate through
 - Outdoor science studio has been created for students to rotate through
 - Lots of new games employed this year for PE (horseshoes, tug-o-war, tether, mini hurdles)
 - Integration Specialist: Design thinking activities that encourages creativity
 - Outside experts employed to showcase new ideas
 - Partnership with UCSD Design lab
 - Conference of the Birds, CloudClub, Purposeful Daydreaming
- Fundraising:
 - California does not provide funds for STEAM+
 - District uses General Funds for 60% and fundraiser within community account for the remaining 40%
 - STEAM+ Fundraising goal for Sycamore Ridge: \$196,370
 - Currently at \$48,111 to date based on contributions from families and organizations
 - Jog-a-thon fundraising event will occur this year (tentatively scheduled for March 2021) for both in-person and Launch students
- Amplify Science pilot program this year
 - K-6 teachers in Launch participated in pilot

- Survey conducted: overwhelming support adoption by parents and teachers
 - Next year all students will participate in Amplify Science
 - Curriculum developed by UC Berkeley Lawrence Labs
 - Taught by teachers and supported by STEAM+ Science specialists
 - Program is available in Spanish as well
- Sixth Grade Transition
 - Enrollment window has opened (2/2- 2/19)
 - Enrollment packet collection will occur 2/22-2/26
 - Pacific Trails Middle school conducting virtual parent presentation on 3/16/2021
 - Refer to CVMS website for their respective date
 - Live Q&A with PTMS Principal to occur on 3/19/2021
 - Math Honors class readiness test
 - Optional test for grade 6 students. If they pass, they will be in math class with older 7th grade students at PTMS. Such students will continue to take math class with 9th grader as an 8th grader
 - Online registration form to take readiness test on district website
- Smarter Balance Statewide Testing
 - To occur in May
 - Will happen for both In-person and Launch students 3rd grade and higher
 - Science component included for 5th graders
- Vaccination for staff
 - Teachers are next in line for vaccination in San Diego
 - Some school staff has already received vaccinations

Meeting close at 5:47 pm

Chung H. (Lou) Lu, Secretary