

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, April 13th, 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 (PTA), Yi Tang (PTA), Sara Lake (PTA), Emily (PTA), Gary, Nelson Ortega, David Turchetti and Ms. Moore.

- Welcome/call to order at 5:03pm

President/Gregory

- Welcome/call to order
- Approve 3/9/2021 Executive Board Meeting minutes.
 - Katya motioned and Nikki seconded
- 2021-22 Executive Board Election
 - Proposed Board Slate
 - Simple vote approved the new board
 - Read-a-thon? It was under ‘virtual events’ in the budget for 2020-2021. Should we pull this out to make it a line item for next year? The kids really liked it according to Chelsea. It might not be a fundraiser for us, but it is a fun motivator for the kids. It worked well to coordinate it with the book fair.
 - Nominations from the Floor – None
 - 2021-22 Executive Board voted in:
 - President, Gregory Reade
 - Executive vice-president, Katya
 - VP Programs, Pete Purcell
 - VP Ways & Means, David Turchetti
 - VP Communications, Sara Lake
 - Treasurer, Lu Chung
 - VP Health & Safety - vacant
 - Historian, Katie Wilson
 - Financial Secretary, Sandy Tanaka
 - Secretary, Megan Scanderbeg
 - Parliamentarian, Emily Yu
 - Auditor, Nicole LaBrosse

Treasurer/Nikki

- Approve Checks 3120 to 3123
 - Katya motioned & Sandy seconded
- Approve Treasurer Reports 2/9/2021 to 4/12/2021
 - Nikki only needs to present the reports and not approve them.

- Have \$33k in funds now, but have budgeted \$5k for graduation & staff appreciation week.
- Nikki suggests keeping \$18k to start next school year with which leaves almost \$10k for a school gift.
- We started at \$40k this year because of no school gift & spent more than we brought in.
- It was noted that we probably need a second fundraiser if we start with only \$18k. We had a big buffer last year and that helped us this year.
- What is participation rate for PTA membership? Around 50%.
- Sara Lake wants to do membership again. She would like help with Carnival in spring 2022 because it is a lot of work.
- Approve Treasurer Reports 3/10/2021 to 4/12/2021

Committee Reports

- Newsletter- Sara
 - Sara got positive feedback and wants to propose a monthly newsletter. It is a great way to contact parents who are PTA members and to let them know what their money is being used for. She plans to remind parents of Ralphs rewards, box tops and something about Jog-a-thon even though it was DMSEF.
 - We have budgeted \$3400 for staff appreciation. Katya would like to help Brandi decorate.
 - Garden club: Sandra Pfeiffer took on garden club and spent some funds which may still need to be refunded.
 - Spring math contest
 - Launch?
- 6th Grade Memory Photo
 - PTA could sponsor a composite for 6th graders, including Launch kids. It is an 18x24 photo which is \$18 and can be signed on the back. ~90 6th graders. Kids may not have their photo on it, but they can still receive a composite picture. Why should the PTA purchase the photos instead of parents as is usually done? Decision was made to have no yearbooks this year. PTA presidents stepped up to say that some schools would still want something and would help fund it. It is too difficult and expensive to fund a yearbook for entire school. 6th graders are most likely to want something since they are leaving the school, so the idea of a composite photo for 6th graders was proposed. We could still ask parents to fund it.

Yard signs: will the PTA continue to fund the yard signs? If we continue with that, then maybe ask parents to pay for the composite photo. Maybe PTA could sponsor the composite photo for families who could not afford it.

Could there be a memory book be created for only in-person kids? No – this is too difficult due to Launch. We can't offer something to in-person only. Can the photo company put together a yearbook for Launch? Not sure what that really supports – most Launch families want to support their school, not their Launch classroom. Could ask photo company to put together an in-person and

Launch version for parents to purchase. Chelsea is willing to think about this more, but it is very time intensive.

- Motion for 6th grade parents to have the option to purchase the composite photo and to explore the option for yearbooks for entire school. Chelsea has looked into this and tried negotiating with photo company, but it gets complicated to include Launch families. Chelsea will look into this more.
- Motion for PTA to fund yard signs for 6th graders. Sara motioned, Pete seconded. It passed.
- What's going on with a yearbook in general? It is a lot of work – has been done by PTA or Lesa House. Very difficult this year due to COVID, Launch, etc. Chelsea plans to go back to a more traditional year book next year. It will be paid for by parents who are interested.
- 6th Grade Promotion – Need Committee Lead
 - Need a stage and sound system. No food & it will be outside. Classes will be in cohorts. Families can come sit with their students with distancing. Cohorts will be called up together. 4 in-person 6th grades and Launch students. Katya would like to help organize the graduation, but would like another person to help her.

Principal Chelsea Moore

- Sycamore Ridge Update
 - Education will be in-person next year unless there is a valid medical reason for a virtual only option. Kindergarten webinar on Thursday, April 15th. There have been no transmissions of COVID-19 in the DMUSD school district.
 - Will welcome parent volunteers as soon as possible.
 - Class size is unknown for 2021-2022.
 - Del Mar Heights kids will be at Ocean Air and Del Mar Hills Academy in 2021-2022.
 - Hopefully Launch will only continue for 2021-2022. Not all kids will be successful in Launch. A one-year commitment is required and it is an independent program within DMUSD and is not affiliated with a school site.
 - Just a handful of families have chosen Launch for next year.
 - Goal of DMSEF: \$196,370. So far, raised: \$118,792. ~\$14k from organization donors. Good job! Have one more campaign coming up to close the ~\$78k gap. STEAM+ teachers did an amazing job this year making opportunities available for students this year.
 - Is this more than in the past? Yes.
 - New PHR school #9 is on track to open as scheduled.
 - Sycamore Ridge is getting new playgrounds this summer. Yay! Have kinder play area, primary and upper grade one. Will remove the fitness one. Will also slurry the blacktop.
 - Have staff going through EDI training and will distribute that knowledge to the whole school.

Meeting close at 6:23 pm

Megan Scanderbeg

April 29, 2021

Megan Scanderbeg, filling in for the Secretary