



## SYCAMORE RIDGE PTA PTA Executive Board Meeting 10/13/2021

**Called to order by:** Gregory Reade, PTA President at 6:05 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Attendance:** Gregory Reade (PTA), Megan Scanderbeg (PTA), Lou Lu (PTA), Katya Zamora (PTA), Sandy Tanaka (PTA), Maggie Jin (PTA), Sara Lake (PTA), David Turchetti (PTA), Pete Purcell (PTA), Katie Wilson (PTA), and Ms. Moore.

### **President/Gregory**

- Welcome/call to order at 18:04
- Approve 9/14/2021 GA PTA Meeting minutes
  - Motion: Sara Lake, Second: Lou Lu

### **Treasurer/Lou**

- Approve Transaction Report since last Executive Board meeting (6/8 - 10/12)
  - Motion to approve: Sara Lake, Second: Maggie Jin
- Approve Checks (#3139-#3152)
  - Motion to approve: Katya Zamora, Second: Pete Purcell

### **Committee Reports**

- Giving Campaign Update: Sandy/Sara
  - \$43,900 now
  - If a family has more than one child, all grades that get credit as long as they are listed when donating
  - Want to summarize the giving campaign at next meeting.
  - Hoping for \$50k. Best was low to mid \$40k.
  - Better participation last year, but higher giving amounts
  - Would only move to Pacific Sky if closer to it. K. Wilson is moving to Pacific Sky as are many in the neighborhood, but we are still participating in PTA this year.
- Could ask PTA email list for help with leading some of these options. Could also offer a wine and cheese night outside to try and get more volunteers. We don't know unless we try - maybe try to canvas before? How do we get other volunteers? Through Back to School night and word of mouth. We were able to ask more people when we could chit/chat at school. Katie got several parents who were interested in helping and can pass their contacts along. First we need to get the word out that events are starting up again and then we can start recruiting people more. Ms. Moore can help advertise via e-blast/Twitter.
- Son Plus One game night/Other Events?

- Bingo outside. Usually done in Jan, but that may not be ideal. Should be pushed back to later in the year? Flashlight bingo – camping theme. Courtyard has some lighting and MUR can be opened and lit. People can sit outside with their flashlights. Is there a way to project the screen outside? General feeling that Bingo night should be in Jan. No need to wait. Son plus one in part to limit numbers and match it with daughter/Dad event. Ms. Moore asks that we consider opening to all. We have 200 Bingo cards, so we probably need to impose some limits. It could be grade-wise if gender is a problem. Ms. Moore suggests a small working group on this to try and discuss the issue of gender. We can move forward with planning the game night. Need to consider daughter/date night? Sandy, David, Ms. Moore, K. Wilson, K. Zamora to chat on this
- Drama, Imagination Machine, others?
  - Has anyone followed up with teacher who was interested in this? Would be helpful to have a parent volunteer to take ownership.
- Coding/Robotics: Maggie/Emily
  - Can Ms. Moore explain more what is happening with tech disappearing? Ms. Moore met with group of parents on this and it seems like what parents were missing wasn't the tech we were offering before. They were interested in computer science. They shared other examples in our county where students were exposed to other comp sci experiences. Some were code.org, some were elective options. I talked to this group about how we could provide this opportunity in our school day. In terms of STEAM, we are limited a bit by not allowing groups to intermix. We may be able to do more of an elective model in the upper grades when restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, codecombat, code.org could potentially be a lunch club and work on some of these activities on their chrome books individually. We're exploring this subscription option. The integration specialist does bring in tech, but it is based on tech as a tool for learning. Maybe communicate this via an e-blast.
  - Maggie agreed that parents are worried because tech specialist is gone and that communicating the new situation still involves teaching technology. Need some clarification from board as to what PTA wants to support. Can we support a small group doing this? We probably need to look into a school license so that as many kids as possible can do this over lunch. Do we have any teachers interested in helping out with this? Ms. Moore: integration specialist is not a technology teacher. Lunch club is first choice because all kids could have access to it. Lunch club does not allow parent help.
  - Could spotlight Ms. Introvaya in PTA newsletter. Probably best not to do it with PTA since DMSEF funds her. Ok, then maybe Ms. Introvaya can send an email directly.
- Dad's Club Movie Night: David
  - Friday Nov 12 18h-20h at Sycamore Ridge outdoors
  - Budget of \$500-1000. Masks, social distancing and parking attendant
  - Led by D. Turchetti, L. Lu, P. Purcell
  - Inflatable screen, projector, audio to be rented
  - Need a rain date, can do fundraising on site
  - Could school sound system be used? Equipment is old, might need to rent a system if there will be people on the entire field. Audio rental wasn't too expensive for one night – maybe \$150 with us picking up and returning it
  - Can rent equipment for low rate
  - What will attendance be? 60-70? Could get a very good turn out.

- Have done packages of popcorn/candy for sale in the past. Could also sell DVD copies of the movie.
- Need help to set up screen and take it down, but it seems fine
- Ms. Moore will make sure Nov 12 is available that day and not rented out for soccer.
- Should we open it up to invite more dads into the Dad's Club? Will advertise in PTA Newsletter. D. Turchetti will head up the Dad's Club.
- We can highly recommend masks, but we cannot require it since it is outside.
- Motion to approve movie night: Sara Lake, Second: Katie Wilson, passed
- Red Ribbon Week: Maggie
  - Jimbos will donate apples. Mon: write healthy choice pledge. Tue: apples. Wed: bike/walk to school. Thu: use pledge to decorate their classrooms.
- Steam+ Holiday Gifts?: Sandy
  - STEAM+ don't have room parents. PTA can't hand out gift cards. How can we provide them gifts? Can we do a mini-grant? Can we take some money from class budget to STEAM+ teachers? Can we do that this year or should we wait until next year when it is clear from the beginning? Alternative is getting them lunch, but could still do that. Could we go back to room parents and ask them if we can use some of the funds for STEAM+? Could we do Amazon wishlist/gift cards for teachers? Could be awkward if teaching is making list of things they want.
- Holiday Drive for CRC Holiday Baskets: Sandy
  - Doing drive thru this year. Sycamore ridge will collect coloring books/sudoku. Target is to collect 150 books between Nov 8 – 14<sup>th</sup>. Start after Halloween and allow one weekend to get supplies. Could advertise through e-blast and put a cart/box out front of school to collect items. Maybe Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 7<sup>th</sup> e-blast? Can include in PTA newsletter too. Could do flyer in 27<sup>th</sup> Wed folders. Could consider Amazon wish list and have it mailed to the school. Attn to Kelly Hetricks.
- Traffic concerns
  - Thinks traffic is getting better. People aren't sitting in traffic as long. Lights seem to have been reprogrammed. Parents are lining up 1 hour early. Cars are running red lights at the crosswalk and cars block it. Happens at many intersections all around. SDPD ticketing for illegal U-Turns in back of school. Could have PTA individual to wear orange vest and walk kids across cross walk. Ashley Falls have RVSP there....how do we tap into that? It is called crossing guard and it is a big process to get that done. Can PTA pay for a crossing guard?

### **Principal Chelsea Moore**

Halloween parade is happening.

Instruments have been ordered and they are on the way.

CPR/First Aid training has been done.

Going through Gaga pit process.

Meeting ends at 7:32pm

*Megan Scanderbeg*

October 13, 2021

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