



SYCAMORE RIDGE PTA PTA General Association Meeting 7/27/2022

Called to order by: Sara Lake, PTA President at 4:37 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, July 27th, 2022

Attendance: Gregory Reade (PTA), Megan Scanderbeg (PTA), Sara Lake (PTA), Kathy O'Neill (PTA), Chelsea Moore, Priya Merrill (PTA), Lou Lu (PTA),

President/Sara

- Welcome/call to order
- Approve 6/1/2022 PTA Meeting minutes:
 - Motion to approve: Gregory, Second: Kathy, all approve

Treasurer/Lou

- Approval of Checks #3254-#3257
 - Motion to approve: Sara, second: Gregory, all approve.
- Treasurers Report
 - Motion to approve June treasury reports
 - Gregory motions, Sara seconds, all approve

Committee Reports

- Finalize 2022/2023 Board Slate (Sara)
 - Priya Merrill – Parliamentarian: need to vote for her to be part of the board: Gregory moves, Lou seconded, everyone approved.
 - Discuss Needs for Open Positions
 - Communications – do need someone to help with this, but Sara will continue on for now.
 - Volunteers – need to identify someone to do this. Needs to coordinate email gathering for volunteers and to set up room parents. Could revisit Lin Tong. Considering collecting email addresses electronically via QR code. Would like to embed it in back to school night information. Could include other volunteer options. Lou could help with creation of form. Could just gather emails and then create sign-up genius with good volunteer job descriptions.
- PTA Meeting Dates (Sara)

Sara is proposing alternating between 8am in MUR and evening virtual sessions. Would start with Tuesday September 13th at 8am and alternate from there.

Need three general association meetings – September, January and April. Supposed to be the first Tuesday.

Kindergarteners and new students will be there for a meet and greet on Friday the 12th. Would like to have PTA board member there.

Back to school night for kinder parents only on Thursday the 11th.

Would like to have PTA board member there.

Proposing a meeting on August 9th or 10th.

- Budget (Lou)

Started by sharing ending budget from last school year. We started with ~\$30k and ended with \$62k. We normally give a donation to Sycamore Ridge at the end of the year, but did not do that yet. Ended up bringing in more than expected. Our net expense was \$82k. Added \$32k over the year. Remember that we did not do Stallion Stampede last year.

Next Lou shared the proposed budget for upcoming school year. He lowered giving campaign expectations due to about 130 fewer students than last year. Would it be better to use the older projections to be more conservative? As you add in things we couldn't do before, would be curious to see how the budget looks.

Sara brings up that this is the chance to look carefully at our events to see which ones we want to continue with.

Gregory suggests doing stampede or other social events at the beginning to give families an opportunity to interact.

Chelsea loves idea of Stallion Stampede. It's a great way to introduce new families to the school. Also got lots of positive feedback from the Dad's club movie night.

Looks like we would still have a slight carry over.

Would like to add money for a cultural event – typically been \$2500.

Would like money for a website overhaul – maybe \$500.

Did like the BMX bike assembly and it doesn't necessarily get repetitive. Stallion Sprinters was budgeted as \$300, but may need more. Perhaps \$600.

Could reduce field day expenses.

Need to present finalized budget in September.

Need a date for the Stallion Stampede.

- Pacific Sky Donation (Sara)

Sara has been asked for a donation from Pacific Sky PTA. They didn't give a number, but they would like a donation. \$5k was kicked around

and keeping in mind that lots of Sycamore Ridge are going to Pacific Sky. Both Ashley Falls and Sycamore Ridge were asked, but just those. Costs about \$8k to do the giving campaign. Stallion Stampede was \$5K. About 130 students less than last year, but only two kinder classrooms. Could get an exact number of students who went to Pacific Sky. Chelsea would like to have a conversation with Pacific Sky principal about this issue before any donations are made.

- Stallion Garden Update (Sara / Sandy / Chelsea)
Had the idea of revamping the garden. Ideas were submitted in June. We're waiting to hear costs and what needs to be professionally done. Also seeing if Shasta gardening can help with maintenance. May need to piece out the project. Approval takes time.

Suggested a stage, pebble play, benches, smaller garden troughs, etc. Reduces size of garden to maintain and makes it more of an outdoor classroom/play area. It is too hard to maintain a big garden area, but kids do love going into the garden area and teachers are using it already for small group work.

Lou was wondering about fence height and worried teenagers may get in there and cause trouble. Hadn't considered it yet and wonder if we would also need to lock it up. Would need to bring some parts in over the weekend and summer anyway, but some things like the stage will be there. Trying to look at quality items so they do not need to be replaced every year.

As for the budget surplus, we need to look at both possible Pacific Sky PTA donation and improving the garden. When we hear back about costs, we can make better decisions about how to spend the money.

- Logo for 2022/2023 (Sara)

Need to decide on our logo for next year. Considering using a new one or the circle one from the district. Picking either yellow or grey as the main color to get all the swag related items. Sara will try to get the logo in illustrator to investigate adjusting it.

- Annual Giving Campaign (Sara/Sandy)
 - Committee Members
 - Launch date
 - Items in each level
 - Add an additional level?

Would like feedback from Chelsea on the levels and activities.

Megan will be on committee and will take on website maintenance to update the material.

Sara has gotten feedback that a higher level of donation would be beneficial. She wants to know what the board thinks of this and what that additional level might be.

\$30, 100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 are current levels.

Would need to think about what to put at the new higher level. Could do a parents night out with Chelsea.

Lou suggests printing a nice brochure again.

Would like to have some decoration prior to start of first day. Balloons, chalk, banner.

Meeting closes at: 6:03pm

Megan Scanderbeg

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