



SYCAMORE RIDGE

PTA Meeting 2/8/2024

Attendance: Vivian Firestone, Megan Scanderbeg, Kathy O'Neill, Kate Kim, Sandy Tanaka, Kuan-Bei Chen, Sara Lake, Priya Merrill, Gregory Reade, Chung Lu, Ana Pons

President/Sara:

Welcome/Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM, and the attendees were welcome.

Vivian Firestone, Interim Principal Updates:

General Updates:

- Parent conferences are scheduled for the week of March 4th to the 8th.
- Jog-a-Thon is set for March 12th.
- Sixth-grade camp is planned for March 24th.

New Principal Updates:

- Final details for Brandon's arrival are being finalized, with updates expected soon.
- Brandon already had a productive full day at the school, engaging with students and staff, and beginning planning for Jog-a-Thon.
- Vivian and Brandon to overlap for support and unsecured continuity.
- Support for Brandon's integration into the district remains a priority.

Committee Updates:

- Discussion on position changes, including adding new member Bianca.
- Proposal to move money to a Certificate of Deposit (CD) and possibility of reallocating funds to a Treasury Bill (TB) for higher interest rates, considering financial stability.
- Clarification on implications and potential communication with parents regarding moving money to a Treasury Bill (TB).
- Updates on ongoing initiatives like acquiring a digital sign and upgrading the school's sound system to enhance communication and branding efforts.

Financial Report:

- Approval of the January Minutes: All in favor.
- Approval of Checks 3518-3533: All in favor.
- Approval of the January Treasurer Report.
- Final numbers for Drama: A profit of \$1000.
- Still awaiting the numbers for the Glow Dance.
- Mini-grants are very low.

Program Updates:

Movie Night:

- Doors open at 5:00 PM, movie starts at 5:30 PM.
- Free popcorn will be available 45 minutes after the movie begins.
- Food and concessions have been canceled as it will be an indoor event.
- Volunteers are needed at the front door to assist with attendees' needs and during intermission.
- Blankets, pajamas, and other cozy items are welcome for the kids

Family Lunch Week:

- Discussions were held regarding past events, such as Family Lunch Week during conference week, during which parents could join their children for lunch.
- Plans are made to explore reintroducing a similar event in the future.

Game Night:

- Snacks from Costco planned; budget allocations outlined for prizes, snacks, and decorations.

- The Hawaiian theme was reiterated, with attendees encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts.
- Plans to spread the word about the event, especially to new Korean families, with Kate tasked to assist in communication.
- Arrangements were made for event logistics, including securing a bingo caller, TV on a roller, and microphone.
- Strategies discussed for communication and outreach, emphasizing the importance of reaching new students and families. Additional supplies and donation items like pillowcases or socks were also mentioned.

Science Olympiad:

- Need for volunteers, with Ann potentially unable to continue next year due to workload.
- Mention an upcoming Science Olympiad trial event at the school, with an invitation to observe.
- Acknowledgment of a request for equipment access, including a canopy, for the Science Olympiad coordinator, with arrangements made to facilitate access.

Math Club:

- The math event rescheduled to Friday the 23rd due to a scheduling conflict with the Science Olympiad.
- Discussion on Math event preparation, including hosting arrangements and sixth-grade participation.
- Emphasis on providing students exposure to enhance their experience and readiness for future events.

Spring Carnival:

- No silent auction is planned; instead focusing on large raffle baskets and teacher features for fundraising.
- Business sponsorship opportunities were presented, emphasizing various levels with promotional benefits and allocation of funds raised.
- Community involvement is encouraged, with a focus on recruiting committee leads and securing sponsorships.
- Communication plans outlined, with the distribution of flyers and QR codes to families and businesses.
- Consideration was given to including additional booths at the Carnival and possibly selling beverages like coffee.

Dads' Night Social

- Scheduled for March 1st

Stallion Sprinters

- Issue having to move a table; Vivian is contemplating relocating a permanent table there to be used during Sprint club meetings.
- The PE Teacher has returned from maternity.
- The running club meets on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Sprinter Club is now available both in the morning and during lunch, providing more opportunities for the kids to participate.

The meeting concluded at 10:17 am. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for **February 8th**.

Ana Pons

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