



SYCAMORE RIDGE

General PTA Meeting 4/11/2024

Attendance: Lesa House, Brandon LoMonaco, Megan Scanderbeg, Kathy O'Neill, Kate Kim, Sandy Tanaka, Kuan-Bei Chen, Sara Lake, Priya Merrill, Gregory Reade, Chung Lu, Ana Pons, Thomas Loesel, Elham Zamanidoost, Andrea Mann, Lara Gordon, Derya Dursun, Bernhard Peters, Luwana Buckner, Jody Folk, Heather Burke

President/Sara:

Welcome/Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM.
- The meeting commenced with a warm welcome to all attendees, expressing gratitude for their presence.
- The importance of achieving a quorum for the General Association meeting was highlighted.
- Participants introduced themselves to one another.

Principal Update:

Acknowledgment of PTA Support:

- The Principal expressed gratitude to the PTA.
- He thanked the PTA members for their dedication and commitment to enhancing the school experience for students and families.

Ability Awareness Week

- The Principal provided an overview of the ongoing Ability Awareness Week and shared information about upcoming activities and events.
- He emphasized the importance of celebrating diversity and different abilities within the school community.

Field Trips:

- Principal LoMonaco discussed recent and upcoming field trips, including sixth-grade camp and visits to the maritime museum and performing arts events.
- Attendees shared positive feedback about the experiences students had on these trips.

Classroom Collaborations:

- The Principal highlighted the importance of fostering collaboration and communication skills within classrooms.
- He discussed ongoing initiatives, such as student-led projects focused on composting and recycling.

DEI Parent Session:

- Principal LoMonaco informed attendees about an upcoming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) parent session and sought input regarding preferred timing for the event.
- Attendees provided feedback on preferred scheduling options for the session.

Summer Camp and Facility Use:

- The Principal addressed concerns raised by parents regarding the summer camp and the use of school facilities.
- He assured attendees that he was actively communicating with district officials to explore options and advocate for the school community's needs.

Open Forum and Questions:

- Attendees were able to ask questions and provide feedback on various topics discussed during the meeting.
- Principal LoMonaco encouraged continued communication and feedback from parents and assured them his availability to address any concerns.
- The Principal thanked attendees for their participation and engagement in the meeting.
- He reiterated his appreciation for the PTA's support and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in enhancing the school community.

Financial Report:**Approval was sought and granted for the following:**

- Checks numbers 3544 to 3547.
- March Financial Report
- Sara explained the current financial status and the financial report, emphasizing upcoming expenditures and revenue generation efforts.

- Plans to create a pie chart for better communication of financial allocations were discussed.

General Committee Updates:

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

- The March meeting minutes were presented for approval.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, which passed unanimously.

Bylaws Update:

- Priya provided an overview of the proposed changes to the bylaws, explaining that updates are required periodically. The revised bylaws have been approved through all levels of the PTA.
- Changes included adjustments to dues and modifications to board positions to facilitate smoother operations and ensure meeting quorums.
- A motion was made to approve the updated bylaws, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Presentation of 2024-2025 Board Slate:

- The nominating committee presented the board slate for the 2024-2025 term, which was displayed for review.
- Attendees were invited to volunteer for any open positions on the board.
- A motion was made to approve the presented 2024-2025 board slate, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Program Updates:

World Festival:

- Some logistics were discussed, including the need to provide ingredient lists for booth holders, event start time, and planned activities.
- There was a mention of cultural books provided by the PTA for the school library and upcoming assembly to promote diversity and cultural understanding among students.
- The event schedule was outlined, including the passport activity, taiko drummers' performance, and flamenco dancers' performance.
- Concerns were raised about the volume of the taiko drummers and the potential impact on attendees with sensory sensitivities.
- KD was praised for creating a bulletin board display highlighting cultural greetings, which

Spring Carnival:

- Plans for the Spring Carnival fundraiser were discussed, including the collection of raffle items and the sale of raffle tickets.
- Attendees were encouraged to solicit donations from local businesses for raffle prizes.
- Fundraising strategies were discussed, including business promotions and snack shack operations.
- Recognition was proposed for collaborating businesses, with a suggestion for thank-you cards.
- Details about ticket sales and activities at the carnival were provided, with discounted tickets available for purchase in advance.
- Donations and Sponsorships
 - Attendees shared strategies for securing donations.
 - Donors' donations, including Joshua's and Learning Tree, were acknowledged and appreciated.

Appreciation Week:

- Plans for Staff Appreciation Week were discussed, including themed activities and opportunities for families to contribute food items for special events.
- A coffee cart sponsored by Joshua's was announced as a gesture of appreciation for staff members.

The meeting concluded at 9:05 a.m. The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th, at 8:15 a.m.

Ana Pons

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