



SYCAMORE RIDGE

General PTA Meeting 5/09/2024

Attendance: Brandon LoMonaco, 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.

Principal Update:

Summer Updates:

- Confirmed that summer camp will be held at Sycamore Ridge.
- The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services is working on expanding the fenced area for community use.

Carnival Shout Out:

- The Principal thanked everyone for making the carnival a success despite his absence due to a family emergency.
- Students provided positive feedback about the event.

SRO (School Resource Officer) Information:

- Due to budget cuts, there is a potential reduction in school resource officers for the 2024-25 school year.
- These officers are crucial for safety, attendance support, and family/student assistance.
- Parents are encouraged to contact Joe LaCava (joellaca@sandiego.com) and Marni von Wilpert (marnivonwilpert@sandiego.gov) to express concerns.

Upcoming Events:

6th Grade Drop Off:

- Scheduled for Monday.
- Five stops are planned; parents will be informed of the route and schedule.
- Last year's final stop had pizza and drinks to celebrate.

Open House

- Scheduled for 5/16.

DEI Parent Session

- Scheduled for the 22nd, from 8:15 AM to 9:30 AM.
- Announced in recent communications; reminders will continue.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

- Scheduled for the 23rd.

Upcoming Field Trips

- Kindergarten: San Diego Zoo trip on Tuesday.
- Fourth Grade: Trip to Rancho Buena Vista Adobe to learn about California history, candle making, and leather working.

Recycling Initiative

- Feedback was received about insufficient garbage cans.
- Plan to add more recycling stations next year.

Math Club Award Ceremony

- Awards have arrived.
- Ceremony to be scheduled during lunch; coordination with Principal for availability.

Mini Golf Event

- Mini golf with Mr. LoMonaco, for Carnival winning family.
- Coordination for scheduling and provision of Peli's cards for free play and snacks.
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Financial Report:

Overall financial health is positive, projected surplus of \$30,000:

- Total Income: \$114,533 (as of April).
- Total Expenses: \$73,000 (with some remaining expenses).

Spring Carnival exceeded projections:

- Income: \$15,700 (projected \$12,000).

- Expenses: \$5,000 (more expenses expected but coming below budget).

Discussion on remaining fiscal year expenditures:

- All receipts should be submitted.
- Priya is to submit expenses for kindergarten t-shirts and field day (\$2,500).

Motions and Approvals:

Approval was sought and granted for the following:

- Check numbers 3548 - 3575
- April Financial Report
- April Meeting Minutes

General Updates:

Mini Grants Spending:

- Trend of late spending.
- Proposal for strategic reminders and cut-off at Spring Break.
- Importance of spending grants for the benefit of the current year's students.

Teacher Involvement:

- Emphasis on having teachers in PTA meetings to provide feedback on spending timelines and needs.

Field Trip Assistance:

- Budget: \$3,000 (primarily for fifth grade).
- Usage: Assistance for families who can't afford field trips.
- Discussion on the district's responsibility to cover field trips for families in need.

Garden Budget:

- Budget: \$300.
- Plan to inventory, order needed items, and secure the garden for the summer.

Spring Carnival:

- Price reduction discussed.
- The need for more volunteers emphasized.
- Acknowledgement of sponsors.
- Strategies to increase family engagement discussed.

Planning for Family Lunch Week during conference week.

Consideration of moving movie night to fall.

Approved allocation of funds for:

- Digital marquee (\$28,000)
- MUR sound system (\$20,000)
- Teachers' lounge update (\$7,000)

The meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m. The next PTA Meeting is scheduled online for Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 9 AM Pacific Time.

Ana Pons

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