



# SYCAMORE RIDGE

## General PTA Meeting 7/10/2024

**Attendance:** Bianca Plotkin, Kathy O'Neill, Kate Kim, Sandy Tanaka, Sara Lake, Priya Merrill, Chung Lu, Ana Pons

**President/Sara:**

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

- Sara called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and welcomed all members to the first meeting of the new fiscal year, which started on July 1st.

**Approval of Checks and Treasurer's Report:**

**Approval of Checks:**

- The group approved Checks #3576-3584.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The Spring Carnival closed out with a total profit of \$18,652.
- The report does not include the school donations for the marquee and the furniture; these will be accounted for in next year's budget.

**Approvals:**

- The May and June final budgets were approved by the group.

**Committee Reports & General Updates:**

**Approval of May Minutes:**

- Sara led the approval of the May minutes.

**School Gift Update:**

- Staff Lounge Furniture & Team Jerseys:
  - The lounge furniture, costing approximately \$6,000, will arrive before the school year starts.
  - The jerseys are part of the effort to boost teacher morale and commemorate the school's 25th anniversary, featuring "2005" on the back.
- New Floors for Administrator Offices:
  - Planned for next summer, with consideration of laminate flooring for the kitchen area.

**Bank Visits:**

- Some members are required to visit the bank for administrative purposes.

**Spirit Wear Logo:**

- A new logo for spirit wear has been approved.

**Annual Approved Giving Levels for Next Year:**

- Sara and Sandy provided an overview and strategy for the upcoming campaign.
- The annual giving campaign will launch at the beginning of the school year.
- The staff annual giving campaign will offer a beach tote bag instead of a shirt, given that shirts are already provided.
- More creative options will be available in the spirit wear store, with different giving levels and rotating giveaways.

**Program Updates:****Book Fair:**

- Scheduled during conference week to increase parent participation.

**Staff Appreciation Week:**

- Planned for February, with a Valentine's theme and "Out of Space" concept.

**Movie Night:**

- Next year's movie night will be indoors for cost-effectiveness and ease of planning.

**Drama Club:**

- The Wizard of Oz has been selected for the drama club's production.
- The drama club's schedule is under review. The goal is to shorten the commitment and possibly start at the end of August. Sara will distribute the finalized schedule to assist in fall planning.
- Sara provided additional details on the Wizard of Oz production.

## **General Updates:**

### **School Updates:**

- Next year, the school will offer a single kindergarten class.
- A Transitional Kindergarten Early Intervention (TKEI) program will be available on campus starting in the 2024/2025 school year.
- TKEI will operate as a separate entity from the elementary school, providing specialized early intervention services to younger students.

### **Other PTA Updates:**

- There was a discussion about including a staff member in the PTA to foster greater teacher involvement and collaboration.
- The next meeting will be held on August 8, before the school year begins. Regular meetings will continue on the second Thursday of each month. Potential adjustments to meeting times were discussed.

The meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m. The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10 at 8:15 am at Sycamore Ridge.

**Ana Pons**

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