



SYCAMORE RIDGE

PTA Meeting 12/12/2024

Attendance: Kathy O'Neill, Sara Lake, Megan Scanderbeg, Priya Merrill, Sandy Tanaka, Brandon LoMonaco, Kate Kim, Bianca Plotkin

Location: Sycamore Elementary School

Conflict of Interest & Antitrust Avoidance Affirmation: All attendees affirmed that they are not engaging in any conflicts of interest or activities violating antitrust regulations.

Welcome/Call to Order:

- **Time:** 9:17 AM
- **Called by:** Sara Lake

Treasurer's Report & Approvals

Approval of November Minutes

- **Motion by:** Kathy O'Neill
- **Seconded by:** Sandy Tanaka
- **Result:** All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for November

- **Motion by:** Bianca Plotkin
- **Seconded by:** Kate Kim
- **Result:** All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Checks #3626-3649

- **Motion by:** Kathy O'Neill
- **Seconded by:** Bianca Plotkin
- **Result:** All in favor, motion passes.

General Updates

PTA Nominating Committee

- Sara called for volunteers.
- Volunteers: Kate Kim, Sandy Tanaka, Bianca Plotkin.
- Positions to Fill: Treasurer and President.
- Sara suggests reaching out to room parents and teachers for nominee recommendations.
- Goal: Positions to be filled by the General Association Meetings in January and February.

Marquee Update

- Discussion on marquee usage and plans for expansion post-launch.
- Suggestion by Bianca: Add flowers/greenery near the front sign.

Swag for Giving Campaign

- Sara inquired about receipts for campaign swag.
- Response by Sandy: Recently submitted receipts.

Committee Reports

Stallion Sprinters

- Concern by Megan: Possible budget overage after purchasing toe tokens.
- Easels are still required for events; discussion on investing in 27" easels.
- Suggestions:
 - Sandy: Test garment racks from the drama club.
 - Megan: Reach out to Deepthi or Nick as points of contact for next year.

Drama Club Update

- Proposal for next year's play: *Alice in Wonderland*.
- Sara plans to evaluate Pacific Sky's production and contractor.
- Praise by Brandon: The Wizard of Oz production.
- Proposal: Divide Drama Club Chair into multiple roles; production before the holiday break with a 10-week practice schedule.

Book Fair/Book Swap

- Concerns: Gift card balances, low volunteer turnout, and inventory shortages.
- Proposal: Discuss with Ms. Good about using a different contractor.

STEAM+ Holiday Gifts

- Gift packages include \$65 gift cards, gift bags, and chocolates.
- Plan: Deliver gifts to teacher boxes and feature them in the newsletter.
- PTA to host breakfast for campus staff, instructional aides, special education staff, and custodial team.
- Final count pending.

Glow Dance Update

- Plans: Replace black wall with black lights.
- Discussions on fabric and materials for lining.

Principal's Updates

- Portrait of a Learner: New lesson plans for trimester two focused on global citizenship, critical thinking, and depth of knowledge.
- ELL Updates:
 - Welcoming and supporting international families.
 - Teachers incorporating translation tools and encouraging peer helpers.
 - Suggestion: Parent volunteers with language skills and videos in home languages.

Student Leadership Opportunities

- Programs:
 - Peace Patrol (student ambassadors/helpers).
 - No Place for Hate Committee (Schmidt, Mokiao, Colt mentoring).
 - Running Club (needs volunteers).
 - IT Club (6th-grade students coordinating morning announcements).

School Garden Inquiry

- Discussion on potential Peace Patrol involvement.

The meeting concluded at 10:47 a.m. The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 8:15 am at Sycamore Ridge.

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