



SYCAMORE RIDGE

General PTA Meeting 01/09/2025

Attendance: Kathy O'Neill, Sara Lake, Megan Scanderbeg, Priya Merrill, Sandy Tanaka, Brandon LoMonaco, Kate Kim, Bianca Plotkin, Jessica Colt, Shuo Wang, Andrea Mann, Nicholas Marinz, Britta Loesel, Jill Maher, Sesilie Bascombe, Meg Money, Ana Pons

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:

- The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM.
- Presentation of attendees.
- Sara presented the board slate for the next year. Positions need to be filled; some essential, others not.
- The board slate is to be finalized by February 9th.

Treasurer Report/Approvals

- Approval of Checks # 3650-3657.
 - Approved: Sandy, Priya. All in favor.
- Treasurer's Report and Approvals for December.
 - Approved: Bianca, Kathy. All in favor.
- Approval of December Minutes.
 - Approved: Sandy, Kate. All in favor.

General Updates

- **Marquee Update:** Discussion on challenges with updating information.
- **MUR (Multipurpose Room) Improvement:**
 - Planning to use funds from the bank to invest in a 6-month CD to earn more for MUR upgrades (projector, sound, floors, etc.).

- Mention the possibility of transferring up to \$50,000 to a 6-month CD for MUR improvements.
- Discussion on expected interest rates led by Kathy.
- Meg Money thanked PTA for the breakfast for campus aides.
- Discussion on Jogathon managed by DMSEF.

Committee Reports

- **Glow Dance (Kate) - January 31st**
 - Kate is working on eco-friendly alternatives to black paper that is also easier to install.
- **Staff Appreciation Week (Sara)**
 - Themed will be Out of this World.
 - It will take place during Valentine's Week
 - Teachers prefer food (breakfast/brunch).
 - Parent contributions are encouraged to keep the budget in check.

Principal's Updates

- Brandon provided an update on the current school situation, focusing on enrollment and upcoming changes.
- He noted an increase in student enrollment, with several new students expected to join in January and February.
- The administration is actively working on plans to ensure a smooth transition for these students, including orientation efforts and support resources.

Presentation from Ms. Colt - School Counselor

- Updates on counseling program.
- Domains: Social/emotional, college career, academics.
- Transition from grade-level to class-level lessons.
- Integration of programs discussed to enhance message consistency.
- Plans for new students in progress.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36 AM

The next PTA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th, at 9:15 AM at Sycamore Ridge.

Ana Pons

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