



SYCAMORE RIDGE

General PTA Meeting 02/13/2025

Attendance: Kathy O'Neill, Sara Lake, Megan Scanderbeg, Priya Merrill, Sandy Tanaka, Brandon LoMonaco, Kate Kim, Bianca Plotkin, 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 9:15 AM.

Treasurer Report/Approvals

- **Approval of Checks #3658-3663**
 - Motion to approve: Sandy motions, Priya seconds
- **Treasurer's Report and Approvals – January**
 - Sara suggested committees start planning their budget needs for the next year.
 - Megan mentioned she may need additional funds for sprinters next year (refer to recording).
 - **Mini Grants** – Need to communicate due dates to teachers so funds are utilized.
 - **Spirit Wear** – Need to determine if we will continue with the same vendor due to previous issues.
 - Motion to approve: Megan motions, Bianca seconds
- **Approval of January Minutes (Sara)**
 - Motion to approve: Sandy motions, Kathy seconds

General Updates

Board Slate

- The nominating committee 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.
- Voting is to take place at the April General Meeting.
- The new board will become more involved in planning for next year in early June.

Staff Appreciation Week

- Going well; teachers and staff are very appreciative.
- The timing worked perfectly.
- The balloon arch inside caused slipperiness on the floor, so it was suggested that we move inside.
- The district provided weights to prevent balloons from blowing away
- Event Dates: February 10-14 – Space Theme

Book Fair

- Mrs. Good is open to canceling the Book Fair if needed.
- The district has been providing funds for librarians.
- Sara will consult teachers for their preferences.
- Other option: Diesel Bookstore
- Megan noted that an in-school book fair experience differs from visiting a bookstore.

Marquee

- Marquee is great, but backend management is complex.
- Stefania will handle it as Lisa is too busy.
- A Google document exists with all announcements; consider centralizing information there.
- Brandon shares updates with staff; Stefania can use this for marquee updates.
- Suggestions:
 - Use the marquee to recognize student achievements.
 - Contact marquee company for support (they provided login credentials but no additional help).
 - Megan suggested Stefania train someone else once proficient.
 - Consider requesting a tutorial or scheduling a 30-minute training session.
- Financial Update: \$50,000 moved to a Bank CD for 5 months, earning \$823 in interest.

World Festival

- Event Date: March 20
- Boards are to be pulled out at the beginning of March.
- Sara & Priya have begun asking parents to participate.
- Content Guidelines:
 - Boards should be student-focused, avoiding sensitive information.
 - Guidelines to be sent to those creating country boards.
 - Boards will be reviewed before the event to ensure compliance.

Principal's Updates

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

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 AM

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

Ana Pons

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