



# SYCAMORE RIDGE

## PTA Meeting 12/11/2025

**Attendance:** Sandy, Sesilie Bascombe, Kathy O'Neil, Kate Kim, Sara Lake, Jody Folk, Ana Pons, Lisa Kim

**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:

- Kate called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### Treasure Report and Approvals:

- **Approval of Checks # 3757-3775** - Sandy firsts, Kathy seconds, all in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report (November)** - Sandy first, Kathy second, all in favor.
  - There is confusion about the minigrants, who gets what, and how much. Jody asked some questions.
  - Most of the drama club is in, minus a 700 from Prya. The income was higher than expected; we sold out every day.
  - Corporate matching is still coming in. We accept corporate matching during the whole school year.
  - We sold more books this year than in previous years. Next year will get fewer books than this year, with scholastics \$9400 worth of books, and we raised \$2877 for the Library.
  - The insurance check got cashed.
- **Approve November Minutes (Kate)** - Jody approves, Lisa seconds, all in favor.

## **Committee & Program Reports**

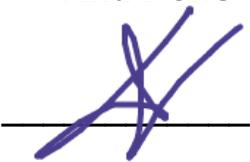
- **Board Slate and Nominating Committee**
  - We will need to swap people around next year, since some of us have been doing it for 2 years.
- **STEAM+ Holiday Gifts (Sandy)**
  - Sandy prepared the Steam holiday gifts with a \$ 40 gift card.
  - Only five classes donated to Sandy.
- **Parent Assembly**
  - Discussed Andrea Mann's proposal for a parent movie-and-discussion night on kids and technology.
  - We are going to be doing that, and we need to decide on the date.
  - It would be a minimum of 400 extra to have it at the school on a weekend.
  - Kate is talking with the contractors to schedule the parent assembly after the holidays or after ski week.
  - Have a teaser of the movie during the next general assembly.
- **PTA Survey Results (Sesilie)**
  - Twenty-eight people responded.
  - Most people know the differences between DMSE and PTA.
  - Only a few people responded about joining the PTA.
  - We may have to hold a general association meeting at night to see if it helps with attendance.
  - Have the parents who already have kids at the Middle School and the Middle School principal come over to talk during a General PTA Meeting.
  - Kate is trying to coordinate with STEM teachers to attend the upcoming general meeting to discuss their program.
- **STAR READING**
  - Sandy is trying to coordinate with Westmont for them to come over to read with the kids in the new year.
- **The coffee card is working great.**
- **MUR Update**
  - The district was considering a \$10.000 upgrade.
  - Sara asked how much it would cost to really upgrade to a very good system, and it is about \$27.000.
  - Sara reached out to the Drama specialist to assess if giving 17.000 extra for MUR upgrade is reasonable for the school's needs.
  - It doesn't really sound like there is anything in between the 10.000 and 27.000.
  - We are down to 5 mics for the productions.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:24 a.m.

The next PTA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, at 9:15 AM at Sycamore Ridge.

**Ana Pons**

X

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized letter 'A' with a vertical stroke through it, positioned over a horizontal black line.