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Meeting Minutes

Date February 13, 2024 | *Meeting called to order by Jen at* 8:21

In Attendance –

Jennifer Vandenburg, Julie Diamond, Kelly Vice, Sara Niazi, Sanan Bardekjian, Cassie Karapetians, Janine Shires, Bahare Manesch. Angela Carpenter, Marika Dundore, Ariella Schrader, Jessica Robertson

and Zoom attendees

Welcome

* Technological difficulties with Zoom so new link. We have 40 minutes

Approval of Minutes

* Motion to approve the minutes by Jessica Robertson
* Second by Sanan Bardekjian
* Unanimous approval by PFA membership

Principal’s Report

* A lot happened in last 3 weeks
* Read across America was a hit
* The Family Dance was amazing
* Thankful for support
* Top readers of each class will be announced at this Friday assembly
* Hoping to get Maker space up and running

Treasurer’s Report

* No treasurer here or on Zoom
* Copies of the report are available
* Numbers for Read-A-Thon and Dance are not updated yet
* Read a thon was more than last year
* Dance is not a fundraiser, it is a community event

Open RMPFA Exec Board Positions for 2024-25 School Year

* Jody is not able to join today
* She will form an election committee
* 2 parents and a staff needed
* They should not be running for office
* She is forming election committee now
* Reach out to her if interested in being on the committee. Happens in March
* VP, Treasurer A/R and Parliamentarian

Dodger Night

* New fundraiser
* Cristal is planning it
* We will reserve a block of seats for Round Meadow – Looking at Sunday June 2, it is a mid-day game
* We put a deposit for seats, we sell the seats, everyone can invite family and friends
* 20% deposit for number of seats
* Ticket price will probably be around $40
* Thinking of 200 tickets to begin with
* Can pare it down within 30 days, not sure if can be increased
* Someone suggested sending a feeler email
* Someone pointed out that Local baseball communities go to Dodger Day (Agoura Pony goes on Dodger Day) so we would want to avoid that conflict
* There is a Teacher Appreciation day (May 19). It was one of the dates being considered
* Budget of $2,000 for line item
* Motion to vote in favor of budgeting for the new fundraiser by Sara Niazi
* Second by Sanan Bardekjian
* No objections from Zoom
* Unanimous approval by PFA general membership

Events and Committee Happenings

Kindness Week –

* Update from Counselor Dundore – next year will solicit help from parents. Recess from 9-10:30 was a challenge
* Will plan it in advance next year

Read a Thon

* Huge thank you to kids for reading, room parents for emails, staff who dressed up, it was a great spirit week
* The school read a lot
* Reward has not been announced
* Last year was movie and popcorn – some didn’t like the movie and popcorn was everywhere
* Maybe extra recess and popsicles this year; many parents agreed that it would be a good reward; it is still being considered

Family Dance

* A lot of fun
* Feedback:
  + Too much candy (extra was returned)
  + Warmer month so food trucks can be outside with more options
  + Ran out of food and food was cold (BBQ catering)
  + Costume contest for the adults (it is fun to dress up)
  + Dance competition – parents vs kids
  + Vote on theme for next year
  + Maybe kids can vote in class (give them a few options)
  + Winter dance was hard because of weather
  + Thanks to everyone who helped

APEX

* Fundraiser – fun run
* Kids get pumped about that
* March 14 will be the day of the run
* A lot of emails and social media
* Great fundraiser
* Parents can volunteer to mark shirts.
* It was suggested that we may need bigger space for volunteers this time because there were a lot of volunteers to mark shirts last year
* Galloping colts is tentatively scheduled for Feb 27 return, need volunteer parents in the morning

Questions in Zoom

* Can unmute and ask
* Q: Want to know about Rams Day?
* A: Educational event
  + Field Day
  + Last year was a reading one
  + Every other year or 3rd year they can do a field day
  + 20 minutes assembly about making good choices
  + 1 hour on the field, 9 activities, run through blow up things, cheerleaders do some stuff
  + People from org come, cheerleaders, mascot
  + They get shirts (can’t get sizes for each kid: Youth Medium up to 2nd, then Youth Large)
  + Can parents volunteer? A: Don’t know, probably not

Multicultural fair

* Like Ag Fair
* Tri fold board about country/culture
* Give chance to talk about where they are from
* Share food, share a dance
* 5-6 pm in MPR
* People can bring tablecloth
* We need people to sign up
* Will send more communication out
* Zoom meeting on Thursday

Spring Auction

* Collecting items to be auctioned off
* If someone has some connections
* It can be:
  + Experiences
  + Gift cards
  + Autographed items
* Grade level baskets
* Looking for volunteers
* Alli is chairing and looking for help

Book Fair

* It is exciting, popular
* There will be Sign up Genius
* It runs Friday to Thursday
* Get special day for 5th grade since they will be in Outdoor Ed

Yearbook

* 5th grade families: Need dedications
* 5th grade families: need Pictures (from TK-5th)
* Due date was 9th, will extend
* Presale of yearbook and collecting pictures online – info coming soon

Heat and A/C

* Our systems are old
* People voted to approve bond and we will be getting new systems
* There is a flap that moves the air and it is stuck; waiting on a part.
* Putting portable heaters in Kinder classrooms
* They have been coming every day
* There was a leak in the media center over the weekend
* All of the buildings have different systems
* We can bring in space heaters
* The wall between the rooms, if 2 rooms plug in to it, it shorts… so using extension from the principal office for the space heater
* Can relocate kids: kids are resilient; however it is hard on teachers too. Haven’t relocated yet
* We need new systems, hopefully they will be installed in the summer
* Everything has to go through the District (parents cannot send in their own crew or hire someone)
* Repair will be today, should be fixed by tomorrow

Next meeting March 12, 2024 at 8:15am

*Adjourned by Jen at 9:06am*