

Attendees: Mary Brazil, Leah Kletnieks, Katy McGuire, Tom Jones, Aimee Holloway, Katharine Smith, Emily Duenas, Kate Bennett, Kaitlin Geenan, Janani Ganesan, Katy Howser, Julia McGurk, Shane Fields, Samantha Linford, Shannon Smith, Brooke Beyer, Heather Dion, Shawna Bouligny, Amanda Williams, Karisa Uhlhorn

Call to order

- I. Welcome/Introductions
 - A. PTO board, committee chairs, teacher liaisons, and school principal introduce themselves.
 - B. Approval of June Meeting Minutes: motion to approve Amanda Williams, seconded, all in favor

Reports

- I. Principal's report:
 - A. He is looking into the garden being used in a larger capacity soon. This can perhaps be done after the school day or on weekends. He walked past it the other day and saw Mrs. Mains's first grade class using it and making a river. He sent a picture to the superintendent.
 - B. Running club can't have parents on campus. Teachers can track the running for p.e.
 - C. Principal Jones went to 3 days of AVID training. He is learning and talking to teachers about it. He will follow up on training the new fifth grade teacher.
 - D. On Friday there will be a meeting for principals with the deputy superintendent to go over fall activities such as Halloween.
 - E. Jackson is amazing. The kids are friendly and wanting to please.
 - F. There were twenty staff members at lunch the first week ensuring that all went well. This week they are re-instating the recycling and compost program at lunch. It was put on hold while working out the lunch routine during covid
 - G. The first earthquake and fire drill were this week and all went well.
 - H. An email from the district went out today regarding modified quarantine for close contacts. Beginning next week a mobile team comes out to test close contacts who have given permission to be tested at school. Modified quarantined students will be tested on day one or two and again on day four or five. The California Dept. of Pediatric Health recommends asymptomatic students can stay in school as long as they do the testing
- I. Teacher's report
 - a. Ms. Linford: Thank you for check reimbursements for summer shopping. Dot Day is coming up. This is an art project most teachers will do. Any art is art! There will be at least two murals at the school.
 - b. Ms. Dion: Thank you for breakfast and treats on the first day of school.
 - c. Ms. Smith: She is thankful to the PTO and missing the volunteers. She can't wait to see them on campus and is looking forward to things being back to normal.
- II. Treasurer's report
 - A. 2021/2022 budget approval

- i. Income is not expected to be as high as normal but it should be better than last year. In the budget, we assume some things will happen this year (such as assemblies), but we don't know. The budget is on the conservative side in case we need those expenses. There is a hefty buffer in the account going into the school year. Added a line of 10,000 for miscellaneous funding. In the past this has been used for new Chromebooks. Mr. Jones notes that the amount donated to teachers is generous and he thanks the PTO. Motion to approve Katy McGuire second Amanda Williams

III. PCIC report

- A. The Parent Club Information Council is a meeting the PTO president attends once a month. In attendance is the superintendent, a member of the school board, district employees, a representative from the PTO at every school site, and other community members. Everyone goes around and shares what is happening at their school. This is a great way to be collaborative within the district. Today they discussed the health guidelines and procedures regarding COVID and quarantine. Starting tomorrow, unvaccinated teachers and staff will be tested by a team who will go to school sites. The goal is to allow students to remain with in-person instruction as much as possible. It will be a simple nasal swab and results will be in 24 hours. There is an information webinar about it tomorrow. Before a student is tested, Mr. Jones would send a letter to the parent that the child is a close contact, and, if they are enrolled in the program, the student will be tested. The student must be asymptomatic. Lowering the risk is the goal. When this is up and running, the volunteer situation will be re-evaluated. Hopefully the next PTO meeting will be in person.

Old Business

- I. Open Board Positions
 - A. Vice President – Katy McGuire moved to approve Shawna Bouligny; Second: Brooke Beyer
- II. Open Committee chair positions
 - A. 5th Grade Activities chair
 - B. Fun Run co-chair
 - C. Read-a-thon co-chair
 - D. Silent/online action co-chair

New Business

- I. Running club
 - A. We are not currently able to do it before school on Fridays, but we are able to do it with teachers using their PE time. Every student in the school would get a QR code, the teachers can scan the running during PE, and it can be tracked by the app. The whole school can participate. We currently have \$800 in the budget and will spend \$400 to order the software, lanyards and QR code holders through the software company. We could order part of it from Amazon, which would then only cost \$300, but we would get less for our money. With the \$400 option, we will have supplies for next year and we know we will keep doing it. Jessica inputted everything last year, but she is doing a lot

right now. This year communicate and send the information directly to Mr. Jones, and he will figure out who can do it in the front office. Also, when dropping off QR codes or tokens for the teachers to pass out, first email the teacher liaison, so they can let the staff know what to expect and what to do with it. We will only do running club at school this year. Students receive tokens/awards for their miles. The amount needed to receive a charm is as yet undecided.

II. Spirit wear

A. Vendor

1. Due to COVID, our previous vendor downsized. We have a new vendor who can meet our needs and help with our logo dilemma. New orders will be placed in the next few days. We are mostly out of current stock and there are lots of messages from TK and K parents who want to order spirit wear. There is a 10 to 15 day turnaround time. We will have another spirit wear date immediately after we receive the first order. Look at having a spirit wear donation box for families who have outgrown their spirit wear.

B. Assistance League of Amador Valley

1. A national philanthropic group which provides clothing at Title I schools for students in need. Last year they donated 50 headsets to students at our school. This year they will select 50 kids in need. A letter will go home to their family asking for the student's size. The student will receive a spirit wear t-shirt, spirit wear sweatshirt and a \$50 gift card for shoes.

C. Halloween

1. Ideas of activities we can do this year. We don't know if we can do classroom parties. Last year we did a costume and pumpkin carving contest. We can also look into doing a scavenger hunt where students take a picture and send it in. We should be able to do a parade but parents may not be able to see it. Maybe students could parade in front of the school, or there could be a video version parents can watch. It would also be nice if teachers created a two minute video tour of their classrooms so we can see what our students are describing to us. It is hard for parents to feel so disconnected from the classrooms.

Open Discussion

- I. Tomorrow is tie dye spirit day. Teachers, please take pictures. The link to submit pictures for the yearbook is the same, but there is a new school code. You can find the code on the bottom of the flyer for hippie day. Leah will post the information tonight on Facebook and Instagram.
- II. Are ice cream sales an option? Does it interfere with getting the kids off campus in 15 minutes? Depends on parent volunteers being allowed on campus, safety concerns, and the logistics. Katie will walk through with Mr. Jones to give him a visual of what it would look like.
- III. To be prepared for when volunteers are allowed on campus, please make sure your volunteer application is completed, TB test turned in, and proof of COVID vaccination is in the office. Katie Smith will help with picture day.

Announcements

- I. Calendar of Events
 - a. 9/15 Tie Dye/Hippie Day
 - b. 9/16 1st Treat Yogurt Family Night Out 12-8:30PM
 - c. 9/17 Spirit Orders Due
 - d. 9/23 Picture Day
 - e. 10/1 No school – Professional Development Day
 - f. 10/5 First Street Alehouse Family Night Out Fundraiser
 - g. 10/12 PTO Meeting

Adjournment 8:14