



PTO Meeting Minutes

6/4/19 at 7:04 | *Meeting called to order by* Leah Kletnieks

In Attendance

Teresa Chan, Virginia Holunga, Sevit Holunga, Keri Gnecco, Tina Melissare, Leah Kletnieks, Dawn Wantroba, Emily Park, Katie Smith, Mark Whatley, Katy McGuire, Shari Johnston, Aimee Holloway, Annette Maravich, Julia McGurk, Allison Rodacker, Brooke Beyer, Alyssa Garshol

Approval of Minutes

Julia McGurk moved to approve the 5/14/19 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Tina Melissare. All voted in favor.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Reports
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Open Discussion
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Reports

Principal's Report – Shari Johnston

- Jackson recognized by Education Results Partnership for the 2018/19 honor roll based on analysis of how the school has moved students forward. Only school in Livermore recognized for this honor.
- State testing has been the focus for upper grades for past few weeks.
- Ms Clappin recognized as educator of the year. She is moving on for possible recognition as educator of the year for Alameda County.
- School has been a Title I school for last several years which has provided money from the state to support students. We no longer qualify for full support under Title I which means we can no longer spend the money on whole-school activities. Money must now be focused on the students that qualify for assistance under Title I.

Teacher's Report – Holly Hamilton (3rd -5th grade)

- Thank you from teachers for a great year and all the hard work. Everyone loved the teacher appreciation week.

Treasurer's Report – Allison Rodacker

- Spring Fundraiser brought in \$12,689.
- The profit from ice cream sales is up from last year.
- Office has requested a new laminator. After budget has been settled, we will determine if money is available from PTO to help purchase one.
- The Read-a-Thon made \$9,500 which will go into the literacy fund. This could possibly fund the A/R program next year.

Old Business

Spring Fundraiser

- Raised about \$12,000
- Very well organized this year.
- There were requests to have a less expensive option for food. \$12 per meal was expensive for some families.
 - Next year we should research the Del Valle student food truck to cater the meals.
- Auction is open to anyone and everyone. School families can share the link.
 - Next year we should let families know to share the link with friends and families outside of school.
- We try to encourage teachers to pick different themes for their room baskets but this year there were a lot of duplicate themes. Teachers should communicate the theme to room parents and room parents should work with the rest of the parents to put the baskets together.
 - Next year the room parents can choose the theme for the baskets.

New Business.

Title I

- The Accelerated Reading (AR) Program costs \$5,511 and supports all grades. We can no longer fund this through the money received from Title I funding.
 - Teachers were surveyed to determine if they want to continue AR next year.
 - 2ND grade and 3rd grade teachers are supporters
 - Other grade levels had a mix response on whether to continue AR
 - Other schools in the district have stopped using the program and some schools fund AR through PTO.
 - AR has been successful in the classroom because it is accessible to all students. The point system is motivating to students who struggle with reading.
 - Many classes are set up to work with AR. Books in classrooms are leveled for A/R points. Teachers find the program valuable for working with students at their individual levels.
 - A/R provides quick level assessment.
 - Strong feelings that the program encourages reading in students. The program shouldn't be removed without an equivalent program that makes students excited to read.
 - Ms Chan pointed out that there have been complaints that the questions aren't challenging enough but the point of the program is not to ask challenging questions but to make the student accountable and prove they read the book.

- East Ave Middle School uses AR and continuing to use it at Jackson prepares students for middle school.
- Current subscription ends at the end of August.
- Ms Johnston made a request for \$5,511 for AR for the next school year.
- Before a decision can be made for the PTO to support the program, the budget needs to be reviewed and approved. A decision will be made at the first meeting for the next school year, likely in August.
- If the money is available, we could choose to continue the AR program next year and use next year to research and discuss alternatives.

Summer Meeting

- Date to be determined – Possibly Monday, August 5th.
- Arena Day Planning

Open Discussion

- The Box Tops flyers went out late but box tops can still be submitted.

Announcements

Calendar of Events

- 6/6 – Last Day of School
- Arena Day Planning

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.