



SANTA TERESA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES – October 13, 2020

Board's Welcome

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- Brenda welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm.

Approval of September 2020 Minutes

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- September 2020 minutes were approved unanimously. Veena Raghavan moved to approve and Faatemeh Lubinsky seconded.

Principal's Report

Mark Lepori

- We are focusing our attention on making distance learning the best it can be given the recent announcement from Superintendent Manzo that we will remain in the distance learning format till at least the end of December.
- During the first Panther Pride assembly on September 25th, students were introduced to October's Mega Skill, Determination. The first Panther Stars were recognized in class and they should receive their Panther Star certificates in the mail. Panther Stars will be recognized each Monday until the end of May.
- Goal Setting Conferences should be completed by October 16th.
- During Panther Pride Day on 10/10, families and students were provided with a free book from the Molina Foundation, a walk-a-thon t-shirt, and additional books and materials. Anyone who was not able to attend can stop by the ST office anytime Monday to Friday, 8 am – 3:30 pm, to receive their materials.
- There's still time to participate in this year's Panther Power Donation Drive where donations benefit students in many ways. Donations can be made online at <http://sthsa.3dcartstores.com/>.
- We should have a full School Site Council team this year.
- We are still looking for a District English Learner Advisory Committee representative for our school. Anyone who is interested can respond using this [form](#).
- Nearly all students have a new Lenovo 500 Chromebook. Any students who have an Acer C740 device are to bring it to ST to exchange it for a Lenovo. The Acer C740s will not support students' Google accounts as of 10/16.
- Four ST staff members were recognized at OGSD's Board Meeting on 10/08 and given awards –
 - Exemplary Staff Vision Award
 - 2nd Grade Teacher, Maria Nardi
 - Instructional Assistant, Edith Paredes
 - Quality Instruction Vision Award

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- TK Teacher, Chernell Paige
- 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher, Lauren Fujishin
- Reminder to vote on November 3rd

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report

Vinod Pisharody

- Recent meeting focused on Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP). Eight topics were grouped into 4 groups of 2 topics each. Each attendee was asked to join 2 of the 4 group sessions.
 1. In Person Learning & School Nutrition
 2. Distance Learning & Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach
 3. Pupil Learning Loss & Increased or Improved Services
 4. Mental Health & Social Emotional Well-being
- Vinod attended 2 sessions –
 - In Person Learning & School Nutrition
 - When students are in class, to maintain social distancing, will class size be reduced?
 - Yes, only half the class will be in at any time. The other half will be on asynchronous study at home (distance learning).
 - What will the hybrid model look like?
 - Proposal is to have 3 days of distance learning and two days that go like this:
 - 8:00 to 12:30 - students attend class.
 - Students then "grab and go" lunch.
 - School is sanitized.
 - Since there is a high likelihood of at least one person in the school getting sick, are HVAC filters going to be upgraded so the infection doesn't spread through the school?
 - Filters upgraded to MERV13 and will be replaced more often.
 - If issue is found in any class, that room will be closed off and fogged later in the day.
 - Common areas will be sanitized daily.
 - Questions Vinod sent via a form post-meeting
 - Is there going to be any contact tracing to minimize infection spread?
 - Is any PPE going to be used? Staff? Teachers? Nurse?
 - Distance Learning & Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach
 - Erin Chapman asked about instruction minutes. She got questions about these at her school.
 - How are minutes counted? Are these teacher minutes or student instruction minutes?
 - Questions Vinod sent via a form post-meeting
 - What is the plan to handle interruptions in instruction (technology issues)?
 - Can we have some material to use offline so kids can continue?
 - Can teachers get better training in Google Meet? Zoom is a lot better, any option to switch?

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- How will any bullying be handled? I've heard kids comment about unkind comments online (folks that wouldn't make these comments in person have no issues doing this online)

Financial Reports

Neetu Mishra, Dina Marie Mansuy

- Work is still being done to consolidate reports. Nothing much to share yet, but more info will be shared at next month's meeting.

ST Panther Pride Day, October 10th

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- Parent feedback – Yolanda mentioned her daughters enjoyed coming to campus. She appreciated the coordination and felt safe with COVID.
- Teacher feedback - Mr. Moody mentioned it was nice to see the kids and parents/families in person. Kids are wearing their shirts. He thought it went well.
- If anyone couldn't come out Saturday, they can contact the school to coordinate a pickup.

Fundraising

Faatemeh Lubinsky

- Annual Direct Donation Drive – So far, \$8,151 has been raised. There's 2 ½ weeks left. We are trying to reach \$10k or more. Last week's winner was Pearl, who received a Jamba Juice gift card.
- Spirit Wear - Orders should be ready this week. Orders will be matched and Faatemeh will coordinate with Mr. Lepori on how to get it to the students.
- Upcoming Restaurant Night
 - Yogurtland – Thursday, October 15th, 5 – 9 pm
 - This is the 5th year we're doing it. Be sure to show the flier to the cashier, on paper or via phone, so we can get credit. We get 20% from the total amount.
- Boon Supply (Mixed Bags) – November 1st to 27th
 - This year it will be online orders only. Orders will be shipped directly to your home. More details will be sent through Parent Square and on Facebook. Info should be available in a week or two.

Committee/Events Reports

- Halloween Contest **Brenda Castillo-Garza**
 - There will be a virtual Halloween Contest this year. The details are still being worked out. More info to come via Parent Square.
- Yearbook **Sara Siepert**
 - Yearbooks from last year (19/20) are still available – Price dropped to \$15 each
 - Yearbooks from 18/19 and 17/18 – On sale for \$10 each
 - Please email pictures of any school related Yearboo.xsql8i3yxfi4ija5@u.box.com. Parents are asked to help send in pictures of their kids at their desks, curriculum deployment days, spirit days, etc.

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- Tip 1: Save this email address as a contact and name it YEARBOOK. When you have photos to send, you just have to remember YEARBOOK and not the email address.
 - Tip 2: Photos should not be larger than 1MB each.
 - We will host a cover contest again in January.
 - Anyone who would like to help out with designing the yearbook can reach out to Sara Seipert.
- Online Book Fair – November 2nd to 13th **Faatemeh Lubinsky**
 - The online book fair will be held from 11/2 – 11/13. It will only be online. Books ordered by parents will be shipped directly to their homes. Free shipping with any orders \$25 or more. ST will earn scholastic money.

Parental Involvement

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- 2021-2022 Open Board Positions
 - VP of Fundraising – Faatemeh will be leaving the school and the position will be open.
 - President – If no one volunteers for the position Brenda will stay till the position is filled.
- Yearbook - Anyone who would like to help out with designing the yearbook can reach out to Sara Seipert.

Communications and Upcoming Events

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- Communication will be through Parent Square.
- HSA minutes and agenda will be posted on ST website.

Greetings from Other Groups

- Teachers **Michael Moody**
 - Within the next couple of weeks, teachers will be able to model a lot of what's been paid for by HSA, i.e. BrainPop.

Parent Comments/Questions

All

- HSA Minutes and Agenda – Edie Fischer requested the meeting minutes be posted somewhere parents can access them. Maria Eswine requested to have access to the meeting agenda prior to the meetings. Agreed that agenda and minutes will be emailed to Devin, who will then post them to ST website.
- Virtual Walk-A-Thon - Soledad Alborna mentioned she's heard other schools are doing virtual walk-a-thons. Faatemah mentioned that maybe we can discuss it with Mr. Lepori and the school and maybe see if it can be done in Spring 2021. Soledad volunteered to check it out and will email HSA group. Faatemeh can reach out and work with Soledad on it.

Adjourn

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- Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. The next meeting will be November 10, 2020 via Zoom.
 - Join Zoom Meeting –
 - <https://midpenhousing.zoom.us/j/98956265014?pwd=S05OcDgvdjY2RSttUitsS2ZlY0d0Zz09>
 - Meeting ID: 989 5626 5014
 - Passcode: 184759
 - Dial by your location
 - 877 853 5257 US Toll-free
 - 888 475 4499 US Toll-free

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