



**March 2, 2021**  
**PTO Board Meeting**  
**6:00pm / Zoom**

**Call to order: 6:04pm**

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Ken Sorey at pm. **15 members** present. Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

**Mr Avent Update**

**Next Year's Budget**

- Budget as is would mean Montera would lose next year: 1 Assistant Principal, 1 Counselor, librarian, 2 teachers, community school member
  - District only paying for 23.6 teachers, school has to pay for all else
  - \$22k G1 funds to roll over
  - School is short \$104k. (\$54k w/o librarian)
- Toughest budget he's seen because of restrictions.
  - 65% of discretionary funds required to go to supplies
  - Can't use Title 1 for teachers
  - Salesforce funds can only pay for things school would not usually pay for.
  - G1 funds can only go to art/music
- Trying to move \$\$ around, to keep loss to 1 teacher + librarian. Looking for ways to keep all staff/teachers.
- District will take all extra Title 1 funds back put in pot and redistribute.
- Current budget cannot cover support for Mr. Latimore
- If student numbers go up, school may see an adjustment in funds.
- Assistant Principal role may go to Board to okay
- General feeling: District is doing everything it can to remove personnel.
- Group of principals asking for 1-year waiver for the supply restriction, especially since schools didn't use supplies this year.
- Ms. Rogers was bumped from Montera as librarian and school has been paying her as literacy coach.
- What can PTO support? Librarian, Mr. Latimore? Will be hard to find funds to cover both (\$50k)
  - Fund a Need (salary support) at Auction

- Looks like all but 1 teacher are planning to return to Montera next year

### **Other Topics**

- Access to vaccinations for teachers—many have been vaccinated (at least first dose) so far.
- Exploring opening Learning Pod on campus
  - 5-7 no-show distance learning students.
- April 15 keeps coming up as date to start bringing kids back to school. No pressure to get started though.
- District is planning for hybrid for next school year to start the year.
  - Kids will not be back full time next year—district wants to start slowly.
  - Master scheduling team trying to figure out what this looks like. Looking at other states in hybrid mode to get ideas, but nothing positive.
- Mini-mesters for secondary schools next year.

### **Montera Relief Fund – Dunia**

- Helped 25 families so far.
- 400 building is set up like a store for families to come to get what they need.

### **New Member Recruitment – URGENT**

- Kimberly staying on for one more year for financial secretary & 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.
- Positions Needed:
  - Treasurer – Highest Need. Sooner rather than later. Naomi would love to train.
  - Toro Store
  - Music Boosters Fundraising – Parents in the program or want to be in the program.
  - Parliamentarian
  - Outreach (need a second)
  - Sports Coordinator (TBD per Dunia)
  - Co-Auditor
  - Other: Yearbook, Historian (not critical), Alumni Outreach, Teacher Wish Lists, Grant Writing, Dad’s Club Coordinator, eBulletin
- Welcome outreach to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade families + recruitment
- April open house after school assignments – good opportunity to recruit if we can have some type of event.
- “Cheat sheet” of open roles for website – Katherine can update as needed.

### **Sports – Dunia**

- Conditioning started last Thursday, 30+ kids
- No info from District on what it should look like.
- Not allowed to be in gym
- Major shift in outlook for kids who were able to come.

- Working out budget for sports, what's used what haven't used. Repurposing some funds for other things.
- Mr. Latimore wants new uniforms + weights for volleyball – set up meeting with Ken + Naomi to discuss.

### **Fundraising – Loryn**

- Family Game night – 40 parents, raised \$700
- Auction
  - \$10k in donations and more coming in.
  - Would like to do a live event for the Auction – community event + raise money
    - Game
    - Videos for auction.
    - Currently don't have enough items for a live auction.
    - Been talking with a future parent who is an auctioneer/event planner.
  - Teachers were involved in game night, created depth. Involve teachers, staff, admin in live event.
- Several fundraisers in March

### **Health and Safety Updates/Plans – Bobbi**

- Intention was to replace ER bars and water before end of school year.
- If kids aren't going to be in person, should we put off? ER bars only good for 5 years.
- Roll budget over to next year for things that expire more quickly.

### **Parent Engagement Events/General Meetings**

- Game night was one.
- Will use general meetings for these. One might be the open house.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities – Kimberly**

- Meeting for parents to help brainstorm for things to do for the kids.
- Maybe virtual gatherings every couple of weeks
- Promotion will be virtual. Will have the template from last year. Kids can own the ceremony.
- Minimal costs – just program, plus postage.
- Parting gifts for 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Restricted funds keep being rolled over.
- 260+ graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Meeting adjourned: 7:07pm**

### **Next Meeting:**

PTO Board – April 14, 6-7pm

Family Event – March 10

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Sorey – President

Kenny Shea Dinkin – First Vice President

Naomi Levy - Treasurer

Loryn Hudson – VP Fundraising

Raine Dougan – VP Volunteer Coordinator

Lauren Addicott – VP Volunteer Coordinator

Katherine Falk – VP Technology

Dunia Wilder – VP Academic Enhancement

Ilan Penson – VP Communications

Bobbi Babineau-Lounds – VP Facilities

Trudy Brown – Recording Secretary

Kimberly Delaney – Financial Secretary

Daria Dimitrioff – Parliamentarian

Eric Runge – Faculty Representative

Darren Avent – Principal

Minutes prepared by: Trudy Brown