



February 3, 2021
PTO Board Meeting
6:00pm / Zoom

Call to order: 6:03 pm

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Ken Sorey at 6:03 pm. 13 members present. Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

Mr Avent Update

- Discussion about Prop 39 Offer to American Indian Charter and Board Communication
 - Every year the district looks at number of rooms available for charter schools. They don't include electives, only core classes. Usually they indicate Montera has 3-5 rooms available, but this year said 14 rooms. Mr. Avent was able to find 8 rooms, true number is 5. Had to consolidate special ed classrooms.
 - District doesn't foresee American Indian taking the offer to co-locate at Montera. The school didn't take rooms offer from Brett Harte last year. Montera's location for K-8 not great, plus no separate entrance/exit.
 - School Leadership team and staff were informed last week.
 - Board did not vote, but had to put forth a proposal for American Indian to consider.
 - Number of students for core classes = base number used to calculate attendance and available space.
 - How do schools use shared spaces? Facilities need to be set up to accommodate it—multilevel floors, portables. Issues with restrooms, lunch, PE.
 - Arguments against co-locating with American Indian shouldn't lean super heavily on COVID as that should be temporary. It will be problematic even without COVID.
 - Political move on part of the District: They presented two options that won't work. American Indian is fishing for a better location.
 - Lack of information to school, community from District = problematic.
 - Mike Hutchinson is proposing a moratorium on Prop 39. Suggests parents should band together to support that moratorium.
 - Private schools (Head Royce, Bentley) have had populations capped due to neighborhood associations.
 - Get students involved with board meeting?
 - Will the potential for this co-location affect school choice?

- Need to be vigilant and demand more information, but not mobilize quite yet.
- Mr. Avent will post letter from the District—parents need to have a response from the school.
- Suggestion to provide bullet point and FAQ, people won't read the letter, it is long.
- Mr. Avent should know budget for next year on Friday. Not sure if there will be any surprises.
- Back to School night is being discussed. Debate about when it should be and what it should look like.

Montera Relief Fund and Holiday Drive – Dunia

- \$8000 raised for the Relief Fund. \$4100 dispersed. School has helped 17 families.
- There has been a recent spike in Montera families with COVID. Dunia is delivering COVID kits with supplies and medicines.
- Group of parents has been giving \$\$ for groceries.
- Dunia would like to order masks, could come out of the supplies budget.
- Needs Lysol, 90% alcohol.

New Member Recruitment and Interested People – Raine

- A lot of asks have been going out, but most positions are still open.
- Ask Mr. Avent to post volunteer needs on Schoology?
- Encourage any incoming families to join.
 - We will receive a list of names in March after families have accepted school placement.
 - Discuss next meeting: How can we reach out to incoming families over the summer and nurture their interest?
- Loryn will step into President role next year.
- Naomi needs to move out of treasurer role next year. Needs co-treasurer as soon as possible.

Annual Fund – Loryn and Kimberly

- Need to raise \$\$ for the general budget. Will be tricky to meet budget goals with the auction online.
- So far, we have raised \$48k total - \$27k is from annual giving.
- Emergency relief giving is up but annual giving has stalled.
- Boxtops – any General Mills products – special promotion will get \$20 per family to Montera. How to get the word out about this deal?

Online Auction and Game Night – Loryn

- \$5k of donations are in for Auction. Businesses are responding.
- How will Pay to Play work this year? Maybe families can make dinners for people to bid on or purchase gift certificates to auction off?
- We get a lot of neighborhood bidders who don't have kids at the school.

- Sign up for Game Night! 11 people have RSVP'ed so far.
- Teachers are welcome.

Parent Engagement Events/General Meetings – Raine

- Use General PTO meetings for events to engage parents.
- December, Equity Allies, had 5 people show up, all board members.
- March was going to be a vaccine info session, but this has been postponed.
- April – school success session.

La Clinica Offer for Vaccines (65 and Older)

- Heather sent this information. Push out through communication.
- Highlight that availability is for ages 65 and over.

Audit – Ken and Elizabeth

- Audit is in process. No major update.

8th Grade Activities – Kimberly

- Kimberly will be able to turn her attention to this next week.
- Daria + Trudy have offered to help.
- Ceremony will be remote.
- Put out survey to let 8th graders vote on program for ceremony.
- Set up a virtual gathering to encourage comraderie. Find topics to spark communication among teenagers.

Open Discusion

- Naomi asked Eric to send reminder to teachers that there is still \$\$ for mini-grants available. Will re-send email from December.
- If someone has concerns about fronting the \$\$ for needs, Kenny and Ken offer to purchase and be reimbursed by PTA.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05pm

Next Meeting:

PTO Board – March 2, 6-7pm

Board Members Present:

Ken Sorey – President

Kenny Shea Dinkin – First Vice President

Naomi Levy - Treasurer

Loryn Hudson – VP Fundraising

Raine Dougan – VP Volunteer Coordinator

Katherine Falk – VP Technology Dunia Wilder – VP Academic Enhancement

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Jennifer Wilkins – VP Outreach and Membership
Trudy Brown – Recording Secretary
Kimberly Delaney – Financial Secretary
Ilan Penson – VP Communications

Eric Runge – Faculty Representative
Darren Avent – Principal

Minutes prepared by: Trudy Brown