



August 5, 2020
PTO Board Meeting
6:00pm
Zoom

Call to order: 6: pm

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Ken Sorey at 6:04 pm. **12** members present. Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

Mr. Avent Update

- OEA and District do not have an MOU, schools are in the middle of this battle. Can't complete master schedule.
 - a. Teachers union wants synchronous and asynchronous schedules.
 - b. Montera survey showed people want to standardize class times. 40 mins sync and 20 minutes async but teachers must be available for students during the latter.
 - c. Wednesday lusters went well in spring, but can't do that with minimesters. On minimum days will need classes, but shorter--20 mins synch/10 mins async.
 - d. Goal = parents know where students need to be each day.
 - e. Standard link in Schoology for each class.
- District is moving to minimesters (quarters). 3-4 classes for 9 weeks, alternating. Not ideal.
- Met with staff today, they were upset about minimesters.
- Challenge: How to give students their schedule?
- Whole school needs a bridge program this year. Will sent out webinar link on Monday, separate for each grade level. Will ask everyone to register and to check email to do so.
 - a. Skyline ran a good webinar for parents and students. Wendy Spander offers to send a link to Mr. Avent.
- Will off parent training for Schoology.
- Town Halls once a month.
- Have given out a lot of Chromebooks. Encourage families to fill out district survey for tech needs.
 - a. We are covered for students who need Chromebooks. Hope to exchange school-owned Chromebooks for district chromebooks. Will give out 150 CBs.
 - b. Teachers may need help with bandwidth to teach classes.
- Registration is online--75% registered already. Narrowed down to just those who have not registered and the admin is making personal calls to those families. In-person reg on Thursday for those who just can't get online.
- PTO Question: Are there some talking points for parents in support minimesters?

- a. Less classes for students a day, can get more done. Mr. Avent feels A/B days covers that, but has some benefits that the district provided that he can share.
- b. PTO Question: How do minimesters connect to the parent survey?
- c. Periods 1-4 Qs 1 &3, Periods 5-8, Qs 2&4
- d. Will there be lesson plans during off quarters to supplement? Compression math as example.
- e. Minimesters will work better for 6th grade, since they do core.
- f. PTO Question: Are we going split core by quarters, so as not to overload students? Mr. Avent says, yes, that is definitely the goal.
- g. District pushing to constantly update the gradebook, so parents can follow along better.
- h. If we begin the year with minimesters, we will be on quarter system all year. Can change the time (back to regular time when school is live again) but not the structure.
- Email and robocall will go out tomorrow about next week and what is happening.
- Meals now will require school ID.
 - a. Is there an easy way for students to request a school ID? School can make one—Mr. A will research how to support 6th graders.
 - b. Students can pick up an ID when they pick up books.
- Schedule to come out soon for book pick-up.
- Mr. A shared Glows and Grows from the end-of-year survey.
- PTO Question: How can we support the teachers/what do they need?
 - a. Mr. Runge – teachers really unhappy with minimesters and union has a strong stance against it.
 - b. Internet access at home – district doesn't pay. Use classroom stipend to upgrade internet.
- No one allowed on campus first two weeks. If no COVID cases, then slowly bring special ed. After 8 week if no positive cases then students will start to rotate in.
- Teachers can teach on campus.

Open Board Positions

- Vote on New Additions
 - Co-1st Vice President – Kenny Shea Dinkin
 - Ken Sorey motioned to approve, Darren Avent seconded. All in favor.
 - Co-Volunteer Coordinators – Raine Dougan and Lauren Addicott
 - Not a lot of live activities, more getting people engaged online.
 - Ken Sorey motioned, Maria Rapier seconded. All in favor.
- A few roles still need to be filled, contact Ken if interested.
 - Treasurer is high priority, as Naomi wants to transition off.
 - Auditor needs to be filled. Once a year activity.
 - Parliamentarian – follow Roberts rule of order.

Budget Update

- Budget approved at the end of last year = best guess for this year.
 - It may need to be changed since we are in distance learning.
 - We can re-direct some numbers to more urgent needs.
- PTO Question: Do teachers know that grant programs are in place, changes in allocations?
 - Let them know they can be creative to using this \$\$ to aid in distance learning.
 - Plan to send out information very soon.

Fundraising Focus and Campaign

- Tech Support Fund (Students and Teachers)
- Auction will not occur in the same way as last year.
 - There is a team to discuss a possible auction, email Lauren if interested in helping.
 - Last year's pay-to-play parties have been postponed.
- Fall campaign letter—ask parents to donate \$130 per student, knowing that everyone can't donate that, but also asking those who can to donate more.
- Upcoming event: August 15-30 Tootsies and Crush will donate 20% of purchases. Can shop online as well.
- Other fundraising ideas:
 - Farm Box – Farm Fresh 2 You will donate 10% of purchase to school
 - Benefit app – Fundraising webinar about how this works.
 - Boxtops, Smile Amazon, Sports Basement – re-promote
- If we can get enough people engaged we should be okay with budget.
- Neighborhood Association Offer
 - Already gave \$500 for COVID relief. Offer to push out in neighborhood to sponsor a student in need. Is that needed for teachers or students?
 - Mr. Avent indicates that any student on free/reduced will receive a chromebook, maybe concentrate on people who seem like they can afford it but really can't.
 - Help probably more necessary for internet bandwidth than Chromebooks. There are 87 hotspots at school for students.
 - PTO Question: How much \$\$ would we need to raise to purchase unlimited hotspots. Q: How much do these cost? Can other parents donate?
 - Estimated need of maybe another 40-50 hotspots for students and teachers.
 - Free internet: Asking for SSN is a barrier for some families.

Committees

- Tech expertise and professional development for teachers
 - Professional development (w/teachers who have done well using the technology) on using Zoom, other tech issues. If we have experts this would be helpful.
 - Wendy Spander: Logitech has been doing work with teachers (Wendy), might be able to get learning videos. She has discount codes for webcams and can likely get free keyboard and mice.
- Teacher Buddy program
 - One/one partner with teacher to support. Looking for volunteers.
 - Heather Ladov to help run the program.
- Parent Engagement – General Meeting Webinars
 - Regular parent webinars – can't do in-person events, dinners.
 - Salesforce is sponsoring us to have an account for webinars to reach 1k people.
 - Would like to form a committee to come up with content—discussion, speakers?
 - We have the feedback from parents surveys last June to help direct these.

Schedule for Upcoming Meetings

- Ken sent out proposed schedule for PTO meeting and general meetings + OUSD known days off.

Meeting adjourned: 7:18pm

Board Members Present:

Ken Sorey – President
Kenny Shea Dinkin – Co-1st Vice President Elect
Maria Rapier – VP Communications
Loryn Hudson – VP Fundraising
Lauren Addicott – VP Volunteer Coordinator
Jennifer Wilkins – VP Outreach and Membership
Heather Ladov – VP Campus Culture (Teacher Buddies)
Trudy Brown – Recording Secretary
Kimberly Delaney – Financial Secretary
Lisa Taylor – Toro Gear

Darren Avent – Principal,
Eric Runge – Faculty Representative

Minutes prepared by: Trudy Brown