



**February 5, 2020**  
**PTO Board Meeting**  
**7:00pm**  
**Montera Library**

**Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Ken Sorey at 7:06 pm. **9** members present. Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

- Approve Minutes
  - a. Ashley motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Ken seconded. All approved.
- Proposal for AmeriCorps Partnership + Special Olympics – Mr. Cooper
  - a. One branch of NCC is a residential team-based program. They are assigned a project to work with a non-profit organization.
  - b. Thoughts on how the team could be used at Montera. They are flexible.
    - i. Added positive adult interactions on campus
    - ii. Reading intervention
    - iii. Math help
    - iv. Organized sports at lunch, multi-grade levels.
    - v. Wellness Council – ways to instill kindness
  - c. The team would consist of 10-12 people, full time, for a three month period.
    - i. Would need to reach out to other non-profits in the area to partner with them. Mr. Cooper needs ideas for non-profits to partner with.
    - ii. Reached out to Special Olympics.
  - d. We would need to house and feed the team for three months.

- i. Food not required as long as place to store and prepare food available.
    - ii. Ashley asks if they need to be house together or if they could be housed with family. Would prefer not to share with family.
    - iii. Room at church with cots? Camping also okay.
  - e. First session = 6 weeks. Spring = full 3 months
    - i. Deadline for Round 1 of application = October
  - f. Question: How do we ensure the team is a good fit? Want positive role models.
    - i. Program is for 18-24 year-olds. Trained for a month before they go out on any assignment.
  - g. Special Olympics through Urban Schools program – waiting for date, but likely April or May.
    - i. Working with Mr. Latimore + PE teachers
    - ii. Urban Schools Programs + SYL + PE + Special Ed: Mixed ability sports event, basketball? Competition with Skyline?
    - iii. Suggestion from Board to keep it out of May as that is a busy month
  - h. Ideas to help move these programs along:
    - i. Ken suggests committee to work on housing and Special Olympics.
    - ii. Put a call out to parents, outreach to places that could house them.
    - iii. Come back in new school year with plan.
    - iv. Kids working with Ms. Chin?
    - v. Mr. Cooper reached out to SYL, is reaching out to all sports teams.
    - vi. Dunia offers to connect Mr. Cooper with friend in LA who sets up similar programs.
- Discussion on Rehabbing Girls' Showers –Dunia, Naomi
  - a. Showers in gym don't work + there is no hot water or heat in the gym.
    - i. Need to fix both girls and boys showers.
  - b. Fair amount of kids who are homeless

- i. functional showers would be helpful, particularly girls' showers.
    - ii. Big component of bullying of these kids
  - c. Two needs
    - i. Washer and dryer – There is plumbing outside PE
    - ii. Showers
  - d. How do we get this done? Dad's Club to look into it and figure out the scope.
    - i. Need to go through facilities and get them out here?
    - ii. Can we turn this into a mini grant request? Could be a donation?
    - iii. Loryn's husband = estate liquidator, often has access to these. Email her the specific needs
    - iv. Used to be a home ec room in the 300 building? Any hook up?
    - v. Can we reach out to the Warriors or something to help refurbish the gym?
  - e. In the meantime, Naomi reached out to exercise places that are local to see if the girls can have access.
    - i. Hipline at Lakeshore might be a place.
  - f. Supplies Closet
    - i. Need to coordinate with Bobbi to see if it's in the right location, since office closes at 3? Move it to the gym office? Can we split? If not, Laura will set up sign-up genius. For a second closet at the gym.
- Recap of Jan General Meeting & Proposal for March 11 – Suzanne
  - a. Equal numbers of teachers/staff and parents.
  - b. Themes
    - i. How do we create awareness for good things already happening, at start of year in particular, around:
      1. What is IB handbook
      2. Restorative Justice Demo – how to support IB at home
      3. 1:1 counselor sessions
      4. What happens in advisory

- 5. How to know where to get help for self or someone else
    - 6. Site security
    - 7. Free breakfast and lunch
    - 8. PTO rep in the community to share awareness
    - 9. Extracurricular activities
  - ii. How do we do more to support:
    - 1. Parents sharing
    - 2. TEACHER buddies
    - 3. Parent buddies for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 4. Lunch supervision
    - 5. Parent restorative justice information
    - 6. More things for students – Challenge day
  - iii. Campus improvements
    - 1. Mural at back parking lot – Dragon School?
  - iv. Increasing volunteer hours?
    - 1. How to do this?
  - v. Feedback mechanism
    - 1. From students
    - 2. From parents and teachers
- c. Ideas
  - i. Demonstrate a RJ Circle at a general PTA meeting
  - ii. Welcome Day or Bridge – mini Fall Fest, have all clubs there to talk
  - iii. Students do a round table, get involved
  - iv. Ms. Black’s work on design thinking
  - v. Oakland in the Middle
- Auction Update – Loryn
  - a. Online auction started yesterday, \$7k in bidding.
  - b. 180 people coming to the party
  - c. What is dress code? Festive but comfortable for you, bright colors.

- d. Have a lot of volunteers to set up.
- e. Figure that 10% of people will not show. May have a few people show up at the door.
- f. Dunia asks if the cheerleaders can sell candygrams.
  - i. Kids can't be at the event due to permits, but Loryn will set up a table. Perhaps one of the parents can be there.
- Mini-Grants Update – Ken
  - a. Supposed to vote on this tonight, but did not get them.
  - b. Only \$1500 in and will extend for 2 more weeks.
  - c. Will meet and vote and fill people in after that.
- Marquee Update – Ken
  - a. Tyson = parent, GC who specializes in concrete. Ken is meeting with him to look Marquee and set a date to install it.
- Other Business?
  - a. The show Shop Class will debut on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> featuring Mr. Runge. It will be on DisneyPlus.

**Next Board Meeting: March 3, 7 PM to 8:00 PM in the Library.**

**General Meeting: March 11**

**Meeting adjourned: pm**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Sorey – President

Laura Wedderburn – VP Academic Enhancement

Susanne Carr – VP Fundraising

Jennifer Garito - Outreach

Dunia Wilder – VP Academic Enhancement (Athletics)

Ashley Dunning – VP Volunteer Coordination

Trudy Brown – Recording Secretary

Naomi Levy - Treasurer

Loryn Hudson – Auction Coordinator

Mr. Rungey – Faculty rep

Mr. Cooper - Faculty

Minutes prepared by: Trudy Brown