August 2022 General PFA Meeting

August 31, 2022

Call to Order: 8:34am

Attendees: Mrs. Culpepper, Liz Cahill, Carolyn Cherrie, Colleen List, Emily Morey, Dannii Dannison, Kelly Cannan, Anna Tucker-White, Erika Parker, Grace Benson, Richard Fields, Colleen List, Kat Mazza, Nina Ishibashi, Heather Mauk, Megan Morbitzer, Jalpa Patel

58 attendees total

* Approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes:
  + 1st motion: Kelly Cannan
  + 2nd motion: Grace Benson
* President’s Message
  + What is PFA & What is Direct Donation?
  + Goals for the Year-To support the school and staff in any way possible, use PFA finds to have amazing school events and supplement costs to school.
  + Thank you’s
  + Welcome Back Wizard Event (Event staff, marketing collateral, Hippeas), Staff Lounge Upgrades & Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast
* 2022/23 PFA Board Member Introductions
  + Direct Donations & Corporate Matching: Grace Benson, Heather Mauk
  + School Site Council: Richard Fields
  + Social Media: Erica Parker
  + Volunteer & Teacher Appreciation Coordinators: Colleen List, Emily Morey
  + Room Parent Coordinators: Nina Ishibashi, Kathryn Mazza
  + Marketing: Dannii Dennison
  + Treasurers: Megan Morbitzer & Jalpa Patel
  + Accounts Receivable: Charlene Lee
  + Website: Lindsay Pfieffer
  + Recording Secretaries: Kelly Cannan, Anna Tucker-White
  + Parliamentarian: Erika Gross
* Old Business
  + Staff Lounge renovation update- Over the summer, funds raised from the Gala were used for the beautification of the teacher’s staff lounge. The staff lounge was painted, new appliances were purchased, a new couch donated, tile backsplash was installed, and more. The staff is very grateful for the gorgeous updates.
  + Playground update (to be covered in the Principal’s message)
* New Business
  + Specialists Starting in September
  + PE (9/6) – Music 4th & 5th (9/12) – Music TK-3rd, Art, Maker’s Space (9/19)
  + Book Fair is next week!
    - The fair will be open before and after school, as well as doing recess for students.
    - It will also be open at Back to School Night before teachers meet with their classes at 6:20pm.
    - There will be Teacher’s Classroom Wishlists to purchase and donate books to.
  + Upcoming Events & Activities
    - Popsicle Friday (most Fridays in Sept & Oct; then resuming after Spring Break)
    - Book Fair (9/6-9/9)
    - Back to School Nights (9/7 for TK-2 grade & 9/ 8 for 3-5th grade)
    - Spiritwear (order online till 9/11)
    - Picture Day! (9/13)
    - Family Fun Night @ Sharky’s (9/20)
    - Egg Drop (9/28)
    - Yearbook (discount till 9/30)
    - Parent/Teacher Conference Week (10/10-10/14; early dismissal)
    - Movie Night (10/14)
  + TK wall mural- There were cracks in the stucco that needed repair, causing damage to the mural. A new artist will be commissioned to paint a new mural.
  + Follow Westlake Elementary School PFA on Facebook & Instagram
  + Select WLE for Amazon Smile
* Principal’s Message
  + Gala funds are being used to update the three school structures. The large playground and the Kinder playground structures will be worked on first, while the last playground structure behind childcare will be done last pending district approvals. There are supply chain issues causing the delay of the start of the project, but the goal is for it to be completed by February 2023 pending any more issues.
  + Back to School Night is 9/7 (TK-2nd) and 9/8 (3-5th) starting at 6pm. Classrooms will be open for visiting until 6:20pm when teachers meet with their classes.
  + Our new Vice Principal, Mr. Przebieda, will be on campus Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays.
  + The district hired 8 new PE teachers. Our new PE teacher, Mr. Lane will start 9/7 and will be on campus for all grades on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays. He will have the assistance of two aides as well.
  + All Specialists are staffed and ready to begin with students in September. Maker’s Space, PE, Library and Art.
  + Academic Specialists- We are looking to hire one more part time (12 hrs/week) academic specialist for Monday/Wednesday/Fridays. If you know anyone or are interested please reach out to Mrs. Culpepper.
  + Campus Safety Assistants are still needed. Some hires have been made but the background process of hiring can take some time before we see them on campus. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to support the staff during recess and lunch times. There are also two hired substitute teachers that work those hours as well.
  + Our School Resource Officer will continue to come monthly and as needed to hand out stickers and maintain safety measures.
  + The Thousand Oaks at grant we applied for was approved, allowing for the spring dance program to continue.
  + We will have three intervention teachers on staff this year to support students with learning. The program is called EBLOCK and will allow for 30 minute windows of intervention time, across all grades. Kindergarten grades will have the intervention time in class to prevent loss of intervention time due to travel to and from the intervention offices.
* Public Comments and Questions:
  + Richard Fields- A DAC representative is needed. Anna Tucker-White volunteered to do it.
  + Richard Fields will also be leading our winning Odyssey of the Minds team again this year. It is a creative, problem solving enrichment activity provided to interested students. Reach out to Richard for more info.
  + Nina Ishibashi- Will room parents be encouraged to attend PFA meetings again? Answer- Yes, the goal is for them to attend the monthly PFA meetings so that they can relay the important info back to their classrooms. PFA also hopes to secure a room photographer and door decoration rep per classroom. Please reach out to the Room Parent Coordinators (Nina Ishibashi & Kat Mazza) for more info on how you can volunteer for these roles.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:18am