



NEIL CUMMINS

PTO Meeting Notes September 5, 2018

Neil Cummins PTO Welcome Hawk Parents

AGENDA 09/05/18

Welcome

Call Meeting to Order: 8:18 a.m.

Swearing in of new members

Principal Welcome and Updates - Patty Elliot

Board of Trustees Welcome and Updates - Jill Sellers (could not attend)

Neil Cummins Teacher Rep – Katherine Marcus

SPARK - Beth Mitchell

PTO VP Updates and Discussion Items:

Auditor - Amanda Dickerman

Campus Conservation- Laura O'Shea

Campus Events - Jessica Edelen

Communications - Lisa Losee

Fundraising - Sarah Youngs

Health and Safety - Daniela Kratz

Treasurer's Report - Carey Crumpler

Representation at meetings:

Sign Up sheet for Board of Trustees' meetings

Additional Discussion Items/Questions/Comments

By Laws

Teacher appreciation date

Sign Up Sheets

Mathnasium: 11/8

Principal Welcome and Updates, Patty Elliot:

We have had a strong and positive start to the new school year. Kinder Cupcake Social on August 19th was a great success. Patty confirmed that giving kinder teacher assignments at the same time as grade 1-5 teacher assignments worked out well. We previously tried to give teacher assignments at the Kinder Social but this posed some difficulties with last minute enrollment changes and necessary changes in class placement. People focused on socializing at the Kinder welcome gathering versus solely meeting teacher. We will continue K-5 teacher assignments on same day in future.

Back to School Blast PTO event on August 19th went well. It was chilly but a good day and positive event that students and families enjoyed. Thank you to Jessica Edelen and helpers!

First day of school PTO Welcome Coffee: good turn out and positive event.

Professional development: CGI (Cognitively Guided Instruction) Math and Reader's/Writer's Workshop

Our teachers and district are working with the UCLA Math Project for ongoing professional development throughout the school year. We will have lab days with experts visiting classrooms to do modeling and feedback for our teachers. We will have Momentum in Teaching work with our teachers in the implementation of our new ELA program and Readers' Workshop throughout the school year.

Project Lead the Way: 2nd grade underway – robotics and engineering program. Positive parent feedback. Ann-Marie Skaggs (teacher on special assignment will lead efforts in class.

K – 8 staff meeting on Sept. 4th: looking at data for CAASPP standardized test results. We examined trends, info from neighboring school districts and created goals around data with all teachers. Cove, Hall, NC teachers were all together for this staff meeting on Sept. 4th at Hall Middle School.

CGI Math Program: Math professional development will be incorporated into school year incorporating CGI. Interest in finding out how to guide children for their specific levels. Looking at who they are versus where they are. If parents can wait until October conferences it will be helpful as teachers are getting to know their students and completing assessments. Teachers will have more information about their students for parent conferences in October. Please continue to share information with teachers now but if at all possible, wait until October to have more info and data specific to your specific student.

TK: Happy to have TK here on campus. 22 students. Preschool is also underway. Preschool teacher is working with TK kids and will be spending some time in kinder classes. 9:10 – 12:30 (preschool) TK 8:10 – 11:30. Ms. Davis transformed room – TK

looks amazing. Full-time aid in pre-K and TK classes. Very strong staff to provide thorough, comprehensive education.

Alan Scofield dance program with grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd– he is back!! PTO is funding the dance program this year. As contractor, it is a year to year endeavor. Many funds from SPARK focused towards art supplies, PE, music, etc. but Alan Scofield is separate funding and PTO is able to cover the program this year.

Musical Moments funded by SPARK last year. Joni DeGabriele is not available this year. Although she is available to work with teachers and do training with the Kimochi SEL curriculum on an as-needed basis.

Ms. Wolf – Leave of absence this year from NC, as last year she covered both Hall (.6) and NC (.4). PE teachers will be covering some dance units. Susan Huffman is working with Kathy Taylor this year as an additional .3 PE teacher at NC.

Krista Haskell and Dina Harrison- PTO gets money through membership, Good Eggs, Spirit Wear and Read-a-Thon. Membership drive will be created this year. Incentive for joining. Suggested \$30.00 per family. Whichever class gets 100% or highest number of members will win \$100 per class for class supplies.

There is a corporate match for PTO. Would more people donate to PTO over SPARK if people knew all that PTO covers NC specifically? Specific money (i.e. check) cannot be designated for specific specialists or items needed for school. Overall budget to be decided by PTO board and administration.

New Family Orientation next week on Sept. 12th – Dina Harrison leading effort

Katherine Marcus – teacher representative:

Great appreciation (13 years) to have PTO and SPARK.
Feedback from teachers for PTO: loving money for supplies, Lucy Calkins reading program, mindfulness, third grade extremely excited that Alan Scofield will be back for Miwok Dance program. Library very happy about Birthday Book program and overall support for library. Art program excited about supplies - students working on collaborative weaving wall, and line/and or shape assignments, differentiating between organic and geometric shapes. Overall THANK YOU PTO for all that you support!

Beth Mitchell - SPARK & Annual Giving:

Giving is higher this year at this point in the year potentially due to Jill Martay promoting Fun Run Sunday, September 23th 9:30 – 11:30 at Corte Madera Village. Will incorporate similar tactics and events as last year with goal of getting 50% participation by end of 2018.

Laurie Dubin – Guest - Measure J:

Raise awareness about Measure J. Parcel tax. \$149 per parcel to benefit Redwood, Tam, Drake, Tamescal and San Andeas High Schools. There has been a 32% increase in enrollment in high schools. Schools already spending into reserves. There have

already been \$2 million in budget cuts. If Measure J doesn't pass schools will need to make more cuts. Need to run campaign to get this measure passed from Fairfax, Bolinas, etc. as it's an expensive campaign. 80% of voters do not have kids in high schools. Going to be a steep battle. Costly fight to get this measure passed. This only solves next four years of budget issues at which point potentially will need another measure. Provided applications for lawn signs. Received \$1000 from Hall PTO. Asking \$1000 from NC PTO to help support measure. NC PTO to discuss.

Dina Harrison - VP:

New logo for Neil Cummins: Feedback that she and others have received is that NC logo looks too religious, too simplistic, looks like a chicken. Some have said due to "religious" look they will not buy any spirit wear with new logo. Spirit wear made new hats with new logos for Back to School Blast and feedback is that it's too religious. Sales with old logo were high at Blast - potentially due to fact that people like old logo better. Logo History: district went through design process to come up with design to align all school logos.

DH and KH will take feedback back to Brett and council.

PTO Membership: 72 people have responded to BluPod for PTO membership. Stripe is an easier method than PayPal.

Readathon: DH and KL to – Jill Martay may be joining again but needs confirmation. Poll sent out to teachers to designate confirmed date. Currently two dates proposed, January date potentially will cut into fundraising, February date conflicts with Global Play Date (and 100th day,) ... official date TBD.

Board of Trustees Meetings: Requirement for all PTO board members to attend one BT meeting.

Carrie Crumpler - Treasurer:

First time being treasurer. Working on getting used to Quick Books, and getting connected with banking systems, etc. Will connect with Heather Greco (past treasurer) for review and "training." Hopefully this week will be up to speed so that she will provide budget update by next meeting.

Laura O/Shea - Campus Conservation:

Working with Liza Matthews on Green Team.

Jessica Edelman – Campus Events:

Back to school event at Hall - successful.

Back to School Blast – good event, good turn out albeit freezing.

Mathnasium night was a great success last year. Scheduled for this year: November 8.

Jill Martay and Mathnasium rep (Scott) to work together. Potentially pizza instead of Abel the taco guy. 5th graders potentially will have bake sale at event to raise money for

“promotion.” Money raised will fund t-shirt for each 5th grade student. Discussion ensued regarding keeping “promotion” casual.

Lisa Losee – Communications:

Requesting help with marquee - Beth Mitchell to aid
New PTO Community page: neilcumminspto.org

Sarah Youngs – Fundraising:

3 spirit wear sales so far– sold over \$4000. Thinking Spirit Wear first Wednesday of each month as well as any special events i.e. mathnasium, etc.

Daniela Kratz: Health and Safety:

Recruit people/students to go through emergency backpacks, shelters, etc. Assumption if any event were to occur would be earthquake or intruder – plan for open wounds.

Backpacks have been filled with gauze, ice packs, bandages, etc. Teachers should familiarize themselves with backpacks in the classroom in preparation for any potential event. Substantial supplies already provided for this year. Fall fundraiser will raise money for future supplies, etc. She will work with Lisa Losee for communication when time is appropriate.

Krista Haskell - PTO VP:

Teacher appreciation: Date moving up to avoid May end-of-year mahem. Specific date TBD.

Bi-Laws: Need to be updated. KH to look into it.

Hot Lunch: No update on Hot Lunch because it’s a district issue. Hot lunch no longer PTO issue. Sarah Youngs still experiencing PTSD from last year but hopes night terrors will subside soon.

Swearing In: Members sworn in: Jessica Edelen, Lisa Losee, Leigh Dunbo, Carey Crumpler, Amanda Dickerman & Kate Lowe

Representation at SPARK and Board of Trustees Meetings:

Sign up sheet available - will note assignments in next meeting minutes

Attendance at 09/05/18 PTO Meeting:

Krista Haskell – VP
Dina Harrison – VP
Patty Elliott - Principal
Daniela Kratz – PTO Liason for Health and Safety
Sarah Youngs – PTO VP of Fundraising (spirit wear)
Kim Jones – Spirit Wear
Katherine Marcus – Teacher representative

Beth Mitchell – NC spark co-vp with Jennifer Cordeville
Jessica Edelen – PTO Events
Leigh Denbo – PTO – class parent liaison
Lori Emerson - Parent
Laura O’Shea – Campus Conservation
Amanda Dickerman – Auditor and Assembly person
Carey Crumpler – Treasurer
Lisa Losee – Communication – website/newsletter
Jen Glare – TK room parent
Serena Roth - 2 yrs. - future student
Ilana Roth – Parent of Jordana - 1st grade
Kate Lowe - Secretary
Angela Movafaugh - TK representative

Adjourn: 9:30 a.m.

Things that make you go Hmmm.
You cannot snore and dream at the same time.