



**PTO Meeting Notes
October 3, 2018**

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Neil Cummins PTO

Welcome Hawk Parents

AGENDA 10/03/18

Welcome

Call Meeting to Order

Principal Welcome and Updates - Patty Elliot

Board of Trustees Welcome and Updates - Jill Sellers (Measure J)

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 (Halloween witch witch, Math night, holiday store)

Communications - Lisa Losee

Fundraising - Sarah Youngs

Health and Safety - Daniela Kratz

Treasurer's Report - Carey Crumpler - unable to attend

Safe Routes - Megan Acevedo & Kathleen Ralston

Representation at meetings:

BoT October 17th Krista Haskell Spark October 1st Jessica Edelen

Additional Discussion Items/Questions/Comments By-Laws. Candy buy back with Spark. Amazon Smile.

Call to order: 8:19 a.m.

Krista leaving next month. 11.10.18

Dina Harrison to be stepping up on daily responsibilities while still working with Krista remotely Returning March/April timeframe

Patty Elliot update:

- Safety Drill (lockdown/intruder drill) on 10/2/18, all went smoothly
- Reading Workshop Lab Days with professional development leaders from Momentum in Teaching, the first week in October with one grade level spending a half day together (Cove and NC TK-5 teachers together), positive feedback from teachers about this learning experience, ongoing throughout this school year (4-year prof dev plan)
- Teacher Professional Development Day: 10/8 (vacation day for students), CGI math prof development with UCLA Math Project leaders (CGI= cognitively guided instruction)
- Lab Days coming up for math instruction, CGI, with UCLA Math Project leaders, each grade level will have a half day (Cove and NC teachers together)

- Focus on providing appropriate training for new ELA Readers Workshop curriculum and support with math instruction and TERC math curriculum throughout the school year
- Feedback from Katherine Marcus (teacher perspective) on professional development workshop very positive

Jill Sellers update:

- Attended board meeting - the focus of board: budget - \$40,000 spent on professional development in previous years. Now the board is spending more than \$200,000 on teacher/professional development. Using the budget more efficiently. More holistic approach to umbrella over all teachers thus students.
- Cost savings, sharing facilities employee, interdistrict transfer: majority from Reed School to Cove. Currently, we have maxed out on inter-district transfers. (Interdistrict differs from intradistrict transfers). Funding is moving closer to "basic aid status." Fewer transfers into Hall versus elementary schools. Schools receive parcel tax if a child receives interdistrict transfer & ADA.
- CAASP scores available – going in right direction – have not yet had board presentation.
- Measure J: JS attended meeting 10/2 to learn more about Measure J. New CBO on board with the district. \$8 million will be cut if Measure J does not pass. Will affect class sizes, athletics, etc. If the parcel tax passes \$3 million will be cut (but probably not felt by students/teachers.) 4-year parcel tax. If 55 or older you can receive an exemption from this tax but still can vote yes.
- Cove donated \$500, NC donated \$500 & Hall \$1000 to Measure J

Katherine Marcus update:

- Feedback from teachers:
 - Kinder report - Celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making applesauce, weighing apples, measuring the circumference of apples, measuring height with cubes, and apple art.
 - Second grade - Learned much from the Momentum in Teaching Lab. They were able to observe a mini-lesson in the reading workshop then teach 2nd-grade classes. Very excited about non-fiction books that align with their science program. Just finished PLTW unit with Ms. Skaggs. Students designed prototypes of coolers and made final products out of materials from parents.
 - Third grade - Miwok unit: learning circle and celebration dances with Mr. Scofield, writing nature poems and planning celebration day. Beer and Mathews went to the American Indian Museum. They are ever so grateful for the PTO funding for the dance program. Thank you!
 - Fourth grade - Bike rodeo sponsored by Safe Routes to School Program. Students learned bike safety and rules of the road. Also beginning California relief maps with salt dough and painting to identify four main regions of our state. In science experimenting with models to understand weathering and erosion.
 - Fifth grade- off to Outdoor Science Education in Marin Headlands!
- Tara (from Momentum in Teaching, ELA prof development, Readers Workshop) taught in class w/ teachers and students – mini lesson – then conferenced with each child. Simplify reading and understanding. The modeling was beneficial to teachers. Each teacher went into a different classroom; one of the best professional development training KM has ever attended.
- 3rd grade – great appreciation for Alan Scofield and Miwok dance unit, funded by PTO

Jessica Edelman - SPARK update:

- New grading proposal: Hall is trying to convert from A-F grading to new grading system. 3 out of 5 feeder districts to Redwood potentially to incorporate.
- CAASP scores (esp math) have gone up.
- Fun Run a great success. Annual Giving update – big push for giving Tuesday.
- See email from Eric. Incorporate into notes.
- Report Cards (NC) not aligned with other schools or district. The reporting system should be consistent across the district. Hall's implementation should guide K – 5. Non-grading systems moving into High school graded system shows a positive transition in other schools that have adopted this type of grading system.

Amanda Dickerman:

- Completed audit (Jan – June) all checks out.
- Link to Krista and she'll post with minutes. All information to be transparent.

Jessica Edelen:

- Holiday Store lead for communications, etc. Julie Muller to lead the effort to organize the event.
- Mathnasium Night – Jill Martay taking lead. Working with Scott from Mathnasium. The date for the event: November 8. Approval from No Limits to access space early. Bake Sale approved but not a part of the evening. 5th grade parents need to fully run the bake sale. Money has to be separate for math night and bake sale. JE to coordinate with Stefano's. (Potentially full pizza sales to expedite the process. Scott (Mathnasium rep) will coordinate to designate separate tables for math and pizza.
- Variety Show – Lisa Morozoff will lead the event but needs a team. Will contact Lisa Buoy for guidance.
- Halloween:
 - Switch Witch - Halloween trading costumes - will not organize this year.
 - Discussed Halloween candy buy-back. Decided No.

Lisa Losee:

- Budget to be sent from AD to LL to be posted on minutes.
- Hall needs own PTO website – LL will work with Hall and Cove to create their own PTO websites. Work with Lisa Griffin to identify important dates. PE to share google calendar with LG. PE to check in with LG.

Sarah Young update:

- Spirit Wear sale today.
- The logo is going to be re-branded.

Dina Harrison update:

- Readathon – January 30th approved to date: Committee: Dina Harrison, Kate Lowe, Jill Martay, Maya Pacheco, Pagerie Jacobi & MC Houts.
- Bookmark challenge & guest readers to continue after the actual day of readathon to promote more fundraising as it typically drops off after the event.

Daniela Kratz update:

- Good Eggs fundraiser for PTO – Fall & Spring - \$1000-\$1500. Good Eggs now giving 5% versus 10%. Kick back for new customers. (up to \$500)

- Ideas for promoting Good Eggs: Walk/Roll tables or in teachers cubbies to include in students' folders so every flyer gets home. Word of mouth
- Teacher CPR training needs to be updated.

Miscellaneous items:

- Minted fundraiser – holiday cards. 15% off and 15% back to school. Order by mid-November.
- Other SPARK raising opportunities: Amazon Smile
- Holiday Store: Lisa Losee – to add a notice in Weekly for saving treasures for that special day.
- Kinder bulletin board – Spirit Wear to use to promote sales. KL to work with KJ and SY on board.
- Marquee:
 - Promote Mathnasium
 - Promote Holiday Store
- Assembly Decorating team: Amanda Dickerman & Kelly Gerber
 - Halloween assembly – no decorations required. Outdoor assembly unless weather dictates indoor.

Adjourn 9:34 a.m.