

**Chaparral Elementary School
Parent Faculty Club (PFC)
Multipurpose Room**

January 6, 2016

A. Meeting Called to Order (8:33am)

1. Approval of Minutes: April Baer, 2nd Lisa Steinmetz

2. Treasurer's Report – Ann Park

Reserves: \$200,074.02

Money Market: \$266,150.56

Checking: \$10,017.58

3. Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York, Vaishali Mehta

Thank you!

B. Old Business

1. Restaurant Night– Lisa Opolion

Didn't do one in December b/c it was a quick month. Tried to do CPK cards at the boutique. Not as successful as we had hoped. Corner Bakery the Monday before break, but don't have numbers yet.

Sybil: Numbers are in the PFC Office. Are we doing a GS this month?

Discussion followed re: probably won't be successful today due to the rain but Lisa thinks Adam will agree to do one next Wednesday.

2. Toy Drive –Ava Teherani

Huge Success. Email from Dustin that with our help they collected over 40,000 toys. They look forward to coming to our school every year. The people who display their cars look forward to coming here. Grateful for Mrs. Brazell who brought it to the forefront and did it again this year.

3. Pay4School–Jessica Nedick

We launched on New Years Day. Hopefully everyone received the eblast about it.

Jessica explained how "Pay4School" works. Likened it to how Amazon works. Helps us go "green".

Question: do you have to register each child?

Answer: yes, but under your account. One account, each child has their own sub-account under parent account.

Variety Show registration is available on it

Thank you to April for getting it (Pay4School) off the ground over break.
Ann: one caveat “there are about 3 Chaparral’s, so make sure you pick the right one.”

Jessica: we are in Los Angeles County

Sybil: it’s being used by many other schools in the district. Thank you Jessica for taking this on.

C. New Business

1. Auction – Chrissie Hand

Jessica: Friday March 4th (kick off). 9th annual. Auction is only as good as the items donated.

Chrissie: Huge, important fundraiser at school. Beg everyone in this room to bring in at least one item. Jessica raised \$86,000 for the school last year through the auction (she knocked it out of the park).

Nationwide. People bid from all over the country. People wait for our auction b/c they love it!

Here is what the form looks like (held up form). Can download from the website. There is also a stack of them outside the PFC office.

Explanation of parties.

Getting harder to get items b/c more and more schools are doing the auction.

Last year we started doing an ad in the Acorn for local businesses. Last year it was a full-page ad. Will do again this year. It’s free advertising for them.

Direct link to website, 3 images, write up about the business

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Jessica: 2nd highest fundraiser behind the donor drive. People get competitive!

Sybil: we take wine. We don’t ship it though. We need the help from everyone in this room.

Chrissie: We’ve gotten a lot of letters from businesses this year in reply to our marketing letter that they don’t donate to online auctions.

Question: do you need to have a website for their business to donate?

Answer: no. But if you do, there will be a direct link to it with the item.

Sybil: if an item cannot be sold online give it to us anyway and we'll figure out how to auction it off. Example: American Idol and Ellen tickets we have done as a physical auction at school.

Question: Why can some things not go online?

Answer from Jessica: security, privacy. In a live event you "know" who is buying your item. Online, just "anyone" can buy your item

Question: Is there a different auction form for the parties?

Answer: yes

Jessica: explain that we are a non-profit when trying to solicit items. I will send April the form to post on our website today

You can start bringing items into the office now. You will be thanked on Bidding for Good for bringing in the item.

We usually sell things separately and do not group items for sale.

BTW...only Chaparral families can purchase the Chaparral Exclusives (ie: parties)

Can host a party in the fall too. Does not have to be in the spring.

Sybil: if anyone wants to join the committee, contact Chrissie

2. Variety Show – Erin Mayer

Today is the big day! Please go online and register today. Everything this year is new. Moving to the PAEC at CHS. Reserved seating.

Advanced technology. Please be patient with the new registration system. Lots of people on the committee have already registered successfully so it's already been tested for major bugs.

Registration until a week from Sunday. NO LATE REGISTRATION! A week from today in the MPR at 8:15 is a new parent info meeting re: VS.

Group Leader meeting: two Wednesdays after that.

Dates are EVERYWHERE (eblast, peachjar, Cub Corner, website, etc)

The theme is "Movies". Started working on the script yesterday.

Everyone is very excited!

Not sure what the volunteer jobs are yet, so for now just commit to volunteering Saturday or Sunday.

Jessica: thank you to Erin! You did a great job building the back-end of the Pay4School for VS

Sybil: VS DVD from last year....hoping to get at end of January. For new parents: at the info meeting you can get a copy of past DVDs to see what it's all about

3. Father Daughter Dance- Caroline Ahoubim and Elizabeth Reed
February 20th.

Glow in the dark Dance Party theme.

Online sales this year.

Invitations go home the 1st week of February.

Get your tickets on time.

Jessica: what is the preference for clothing?

Answer: solid, light colors.

Question: what is the attire:

Answer: can be a dress, but not super-fancy. Be comfortable.

Comfortable shoes for sure.

Question: photographers?

Answer: hiring 2 this year. We have an increased budget.

Further explanation from Jessica: doesn't have to be "father/daughter".

Can be "girl student and someone who loves you".

Tickets available at door but price increases

4. Box Tops and Restaurant Day/Night- Lisa Opolion

Box tops coming up: Jan 18-29th (official dates).

Starting the 19th (b/c the 18th school is closed for a holiday) your teachers will have envelopes to collect the Box Tops. There is a tear-out sheet in the Cub Corner. The sheets are great, but don't "crazy glue" on. Please look at the expiration date! Preferably, submit them in a Ziploc bag.

Jessica: the sheets are more of a visual reminder.

We get 10 cents for each box top...it adds up.

Contest: top class will get gift certificates to GS

Encourage friends to collect

Last minute fundraiser for next week, weather permitting though, next Wednesday at the ice rink. Will try for something either way.

Working on the Village for February

D. Principal's Report

Lampert: message from green team. Collecting bottles and cans on Wednesday mornings (upper yard designated drop-off spot). Aluminum and plastic. No glass.

Green Campus recycling company. Will give a portion of the profits to Chaparral. Former Chaparral family.

Brazell: will use the profits to buy something "green" for the school

Question: Who is in charge of that? Whitney Schwartz and Mr. McHorney, Ms. Cioffi, Mr. Ross and lots of students

Brazell: Happy New Year!

El Nino is here. Rain is tough here b/c of the 3 levels. Have your kids be prepared to walk outside to music and art, etc.

Thank you to our wonderful parents from Mr. Ross' class who did the drop-off line this week.

7:30-8am kids go into the library on rainy days. 8am they go to their classrooms.

Eat lunch inside their classrooms on rainy days.

PE indoors in the MPR on rainy days

Have your kids dress appropriately on rainy days.

Lower gate open for 1st graders in the morning on rainy days

Music and PE combined the other day and did Zumba

Can wear rain boots to PE when it's raining

Kinder? Comes into MPR or a classroom starting at 7:45am when it's raining

On rainy days Kinder parents pick-up in classrooms for after school. But, do not park in the parking lot.

Registration packets are available this week. Lots of tours. One this Friday. They are packed,

Don't forget spirit day this Friday..."Decades Day"

Sybil: the Hydration Station is installed on the upper level next to the library.

Will be getting more grants from City Council members for the other 2 hydration stations.

Boys and Girls club was generous and paid for half of the lower level hydration station.

Water triple-filtered and chilled.

Discussion re: not putting the mouth of the bottle directly on the dispenser

E. Jackie O'Sullivan Director of Elementary Curriculum

Introduced by Principal Brazell.

Here to put a face with "The District".

I'll stay after for the "Go Math" presentation

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Feel free to contact me directly. I love to hear from parents. What you are happy about, not happy about.

About me: I am a mother to a 3rd grader (at Mariposa). Came from Redondo Beach as a principal. Principal at Bay Laurel last year. I came here for the district. I love it here. It's a progressive district that thinks of kids first (ex: Mariposa, dual immersion program, etc). I know it doesn't seem like it all the time. But, really it is. I am so impressed with Chaparral. Your parent community is warm and fuzzy.

Our district is the top 5% in the nation. A lot of that is b/c of the parents. The district is not funded well (long explanation, but basically b/c we are wealthy) LAUSD students are funded at about 3x more than LVUSD students. We are special b/c of the parents. The money you raise is crucial. Thank you. Contact me any time. I'd really like to hear your thoughts. We'll be working on math. Parent nights about it as well. Any questions about the district? No questions. Chaparral is already doing things in Language Arts that no other school is doing.

Brazell: I was a teacher in our district, left for about 11 years to go to another district and then came back b/c of this district. I get to tailor this school to how I want it to be. You don't get to do that in other districts. I spent some days recently reading Gold Medal applications and it reinforced that our school is as great as we think it is.

We will start the math meeting in about 20 minutes

Raffle Drawing: #11 Janet Mulligan

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30am

**Meeting Minutes prepared and submitted by:
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