

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

December 9, 2015

A. Meeting Called to Order

- Approval of Minutes: Lisa Dumke, 2nd Toni Edwards

- Treasurer's Report – Ann Park
Reserves: \$200,251.72
Money Market: \$281,136.77
Checking: \$22,666.82

- Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York, Vaishali Mehta
Thank you!

B. Old Business

- Book Fair – Amy Gray and Susan Harrison
 - Huge success. \$16,980 (grand total...gross)
 - Still finalizing breakdown of “our” dollars. Will have numbers for you at the next meeting.
 - Discussion of taking “regular” money or scholastic money. Will be determined.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped and volunteered.

- Holiday Boutique- Deb Navins and Jessica Epstein
 - Felt like it went really smoothly and would like feedback.
 - Grossed over \$36,000 in sales. Still figuring out net.
 - Will space it better in the future with book fair, holidays, etc. -Big shout out to Deb Shapiro to bringing in a sponsor for the gift wrap. And for cubwear. -Had over 40 volunteers.
 - New this year: reached out to new families and journeys/kinder parents w/ a letter explaining the boutique. That was helpful.
 - Jessica: To our new chairs: the fruits of your labor showed.
 - Sybil: we only heard positive feedback. Thank you! As an

explanation, we know it sounds like a lot of money, but that is our gross, not our net. We'll probably get about 20% of the gross for boutique as profit for Chaparral

3. Cub Wear – Deb Shapiro

Sybil spoke for Deb. \$3400 in sales at the holiday boutique this year
\$2900 in sales at the holiday boutique last year

-Possible sale next Thursday on the middle level, will let everyone know. People can always email her if you need to order.

C. New Business

- Auction – Chrissie Hand

Jessica spoke for Chrissie. Launches in early March. Biggest chunk is getting all the items. Please don't be shy when you are out spending money on something for you; that is the time to ask for donations. Here are some forms, please take some today and bring them with you (there are always more forms available in front of the PFC office).. It's online so it's nationwide. So, friends and family anywhere can buy. And, it's nationwide exposure for businesses. :Last year we incentivized local businesses with a fullpage Acorn ad. It was very successful. If you have entertainment connections please help out.

- Variety Show – Erin Mayer

-Had a meeting last night. Finalized the theme "Variety Show: The Movie". For the very first time it's going to be in the PAEC at Calabasas High. The seating capacity is more than double so we are going from 3 nights to 2. Lot's is changing this year, so please be patient. We'll do sign-ups online. Volunteer on Saturday or Sunday show. Still a requirement

-Prob no tech and dress volunteers at all this year.

-Info meeting: Wed. Jan 13th

-Registration starting Jan 6th to the 17th. Should just take a few minutes. We will NOT accept late registration. Start talking amongst yourselves now about groups, leaders, etc. All problems are due to late registration, so NO late registrations. We have a very excited and new committee. The new venue you have to purchase tickets through their system. So, all seats are reserved seats and have different prices by location. Ticket sales will be much closer to

the event. Trying to have a limited window for 5th grade parents to have priority to purchase tickets.

-Times for shows: Friday is dress rehearsal

Saturday: 7pm (June 4)

Sunday: 1pm (June 5)

If your child has a dance recital that Sunday please let me know so I can put their act in the 1st half.

- Restaurant Night and Box Tops – Lisa Opolion
Sybil spoke for Lisa. Collecting in January. Don't need to stick the box tops to the paper. Just submit them in a zip loc
-Possibly a Corner Bakery fundraiser next week. Will let you know.
-Possibly an ice skating event too. Will keep you posted.
-We are still doing Amazon.com. Please continue to use it.
- Toy Drive –Ava Teherani
Sybil spoke for Ava. Toy drive is on now. New item \$10-15 value.
Send w/ child to school.
Awesome car show next Wednesday, Dec 16th. Kids love it. Teachers and staff do too. Piggyback the car show with the “winter show”.

Brazell: every year the winter show is quite stressful and difficult. There are opinions on the songs being played. Students can only focus on learning their winter show song in music class for months without doing anything else. So...

This year Tuesday the 15th: K (8:30) & 1 (10:30) doing a concert in the MPR.

Wednesday the 16th: each grade (1-5) will sing 1 song at 8:15. They will be singing in their lines. No chairs.

The chorus will be singing a song.

If it rains it will be cancelled.

5. Pay4School–Jessica Nedick

If you have a middle schooler or high schooler you are familiar with this. Almost all schools in the district use this. We are transitioning our school to this. There will be a big button on our home page. You do need to register once at the beginning.

Variety Show will be using this. I hope to launch this officially Jan 1.

There will be special messaging over break about this. You'll be able to buy: yearbooks, DVD memories, father/daughter dance tix, etc. Next year registration on it. Variety show is the launch, but you will be able to buy lots on the site. It's also beneficial b/c you can check to see if you have paid for something in case you forgot.

-Abra: in an ideal world, there won't be forms for everything in the future. Just online

-Jess: our goal to be paperless by the fall, but if we see it's not working, we will adjust.

Question: what happened to the DVD for the variety show from last year? We've been told that there were tech difficulties. We are working on it. It is a serious problem and we are working on it. We are sorry.

Erin: for VS this year Andrea Testa will do it again but it will be a link, not a physical DVD.

6. Shopping for Funds- Jessica Nedick

Special eblast over Thanksgiving break. Introduced shopping for funds.com. It's on our PFC website or you can bookmark it. It's an online mall w/ all the stores you shop at. You go through our link first, before doing your online shopping. There is no registration. You will make money for our school. I already did some shopping and made \$10 for the school! Next to the Amazon button on our PFC website. It will tell you what you earned for the school (email after telling you how much you made for Chap). and tells you the percentage you can make for the school. Please share this with friends and family.

Sybil: Father/Daughter Dance Feb 20th. We will have more info at the next meeting. Tix buying will be on our new online system.

D. Principal's Report

-We started the 1 to 1 laptop program with all of 3rd grade and one 4th grade class. This allowed us to take the PC and laptop technology and move it to some 2nd, but mostly 4th and 5th grades.

- Quite a few visitors: 3 schools came to see Daily 5. Reading and writing workshop. They want to see what we are doing.
- New Parent tours. We are pretty full, but 1st grade is lowest grade.

Jackie O'Sullivan is coming to our next PFC meeting. Coffee With Principal after the meeting will be training on "Go Math" for parents.

Teachers starting interim assessments for common core. On the computer. Teachers get results within one day. Great for helping to inform the teachers.

Question: class size. I know Kinder is up to 25.

Brazell: the district gives us an opportunity to not have a split grade class. The teachers chose to have a little bit bigger classes to not have a combo class this year. So I have given some more IA time to kinder. The teachers feel it's better for the kids.

In CA this is the formula for the number of teachers we get:

K-3: add the total number of students and divide by 24

4-5: add the total number of students and divide by 30.5

- Never know until almost August what the numbers are going to be. It's stressful.

Our reading workshops help the teachers to individualize instruction.

For a public school, we have very low class sizes.

We also need to remember to support the Foundation. It pays for our counselor.

Sybil: very exciting news. The City of Calabasas gave us a grant (just like last year but more money this year). Over \$30,000 to our school from the City of Calabasas. It's very important that parents know they (the city) gives over a \$1 million a year to Calabasas schools: police, crossing guards, grants, etc

Sybil: We are getting three hydration stations, one for each level. We purchased one for the upper yard from gift wrap funds. We partnered with B&G club for one on the lower level. Mary Sue Maurer, City Counsel gave us some of her discretionary funds, \$1,500 towards the purchase of

one at the middle level.

Erin: brought up our school anniversary and reaching out to alumni. Deb Navins: can we create a 501c just for alumni to donate? Earmark for specific needs: ie beautification.

Discussion: re: alumni discussion on FB “outrage” re: mural being painted over. Who wants to head this up (reaching out to alumni for donations, etc)? Doesn’t have to be a parent here, can just be an alumni.

Sybil: We have to order hydration stations through the district and have them installed by the district. We are one of the last schools to not have a hydration station.

Jan 6th Next meeting.

Jackie O’Sullivan, Director of Elementary Curriculum will be here.

Raffle Drawing #11 Debbie Kramar

Meeting Adjourned: 9:29am

Minutes prepared by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary