

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

March 2, 2016

A. Meeting Called to Order: 8:40am

1. Approval of Minutes: Lisa Dumke, 2nd Amy Gray

2. Treasurer's Report – Ann Park

Sybil reported. Also explained that we keep over a year's worth of salaries that we pay for in reserve.

Question from Abra: are we required by the District to do this?

Sybil Answer: Yes, they used to require we reserve more, but lots of schools cannot afford to do that.

Money Market: \$226,174.11

Checking: \$30,763.25

Reserves: \$199,848.30

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

B. City Council Members - Alicia Weintraub and David Shapiro

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Calabasas Update:

-Mulholland Hwy. nearing completion in approx 2 weeks. Everything done but planting.

-Staining walls March 7 and done in a few days.

-Flashing cross walk lights at the end of this week, early next week (Freedom Drive and Mulholland)

-Please let us know when you see things that need attention or fixed (for example: the traffic light that was out at AC Stelle earlier this week).

Call: 818-224-1600

Quickest to email directly.

-Arbor Day celebration (plant trees at CHS) Saturday April 30

-Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 9

-St. Patrick's Day Celebration: (at the Agoura/Calabasas Community Center)
Saturday March 12th

-Sheriff's update: biggest issue in our community is "breaking in" to cars that are unlocked. Please lock your cars and keep our community safe.

-David: introduced who Alicia is (as newest City Council Member). Alicia and David are the school liaisons for the City Council.

-In addition to Title 1 and other grants we provide funding for safety, shuttle services, etc totaling \$1 million for the schools. Discretionary funds, not required by law. Subject to review every 2 year budget cycle. Next budget cycle coming up soon.

-Please come to our city council meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm at City Hall. Please come, anyone can speak about anything for 3 minutes. If you have something to talk about but can't make it then you can email Alicia or I and we will read it for you.

- This is Calabasas' 25 year anniversary. We incorporated in 1991. Will be lots of events throughout the year

June 24-26th is the grand opening of the Senior Center. Friday night event w/ Music Program from CHS. Saturday is the grand opening. Sunday is a concert at the Lake with lots of surprises.

All events are free. Some more family friendly than others.

We are here for you. Please contact us if you need to.

Sybil: They support us by giving us money to use throughout the school. Helps with our reading program, our hydration stations, etc.

C. Old Business

1. Father Daughter Dance- Caroline Ahoulim and Elizabeth Reed

February 20th. Made a little over \$4100. Still need to finalize the numbers. Everyone was happy with the theme. No complaints about the pictures this year.

Jessica: you and your team did an amazing job. We heard so many compliments on this year's dance. Dad's said "this is the best one you've had."

2. Community Fundraising and Restaurant Nights- Lisa Opolion

Box tops: 8300 reported at last meeting. Some last minute turn in's and we are now at 9500.

Hook Burger: brought in \$150.

Dog Haus: \$150

Next Wednesday is at Café Fiore. They are giving back 15%, only on food, not drink.

Erin: can we turn that into an "unofficial Chaparral mom's night out"? Lisa: I'll send out an email

Chrissie: the owner is a sister of a Chaparral Family. They have always been really supportive of us. Always donate to our auction. Let's go out and support them.

Lisa: some Chap moms have worked there

Sybil: we have really good numbers coming in this year from our community fundraisers.

D. New Business

1. Auction – Chrissie Hand

-Does anyone need any more forms? You can always email me. Passed out some forms.

- We take items all the time even if we've already gone live.
- Starts this Friday AM at 7 (pacific time)
- It's so exciting to see new families get involved.
- We are light on 2nd grade parties
- Listed some of the parties.
- Parties sell really fast!
- I want to thank Abra for designing the "Auction Meter" that is displayed in front of our school
- I want to thank my whole auction committee. Everyone has been so incredible. And, thank you everyone for all your donations.
- Refer your friends. The top referrer will get a prize! (a really good one)
- Jessica: our full page thank you ad is in the Acorn tomorrow (always the day before the auction starts). Dual purpose: thanks our local sponsors and also alerts people to our auction (our URL is on it). We have a LOT of great concerts this year. Tell your friends.

2. SOVA and Shoe Drive- Ava Tehrani

Reported by Sybil:

-SOVA: I just talked to Kathi at SOVA. We will continue the way we've done the assemblies in the past, which apparently will involve Mrs. Brazell kickstarting the drive on the day of the assembly, on Wednesday, March 9th. We will start collections on Monday, March 14 and complete it on Friday the 18th during drop off. A driver from SOVA will pick up the donations by 9 on that Friday.

- SHOE DRIVE: Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/14 (which I would like to do if acceptable). We will accept shoes in any style, size, and condition, yes, even the ripped ones with holes. They have a special way to recycle them at their facility. Throughout the day, the families can drop off their unwanted shoes. It would be great if they could pair them up and tie themselves, if not we will do it. Once we receive the shoes, we will count the pairs, box them up, and pick up the boxes to drop off at my house. One of my contacts will pick up the boxes and drop them off at one of their warehouses. I can provide you with more details if necessary.

***Soles4Souls** is a Nashville-based charity, founded in 2006, that collects new and used shoes and redistributes them through direct donations to people in need and through micro-enterprise partners. Since they began, Soles4Souls has distributed over 22 million pairs of shoes to people in over 127 countries, including [Kenya](#), [Thailand](#), [Nepal](#), [Haiti](#), Japan and the United States.

3. Mother Son Sports Day- Meredith Sesser

- April 17th. 9:15am-1pm
- Dancing, lunch, snack, drinks, pictures,
- Sign Up online. Available now.
- \$10 more if you buy day of.
- The more people the more fun.

- We try to group you with your friends but it becomes more difficult when you have kids in different grades.
- Some of the moms get super-competitive
- You don't even have to wear make-up
- Abra: gets a full spread in the yearbook with a group picture.
- Sybil: can come for part of the day or just for lunch.
- I need more volunteers, but just at the beginning and the end.
- The 5th grade boys have a special competition at the end
- Sybil: do you need anyone from the high school? We had them last year?
- Meredith: yes, I'll get in touch w/ my contact at the high school

4. Wellness Week- Maria Nicolacakis

- Coming in April. Working hard with teachers to make the week more meaningful for the students
- Move-a-palooza (replacing jog-a-thon) Friday, April 15 (8:30-12:30 will need volunteers). Will send out a sign-up genius. Want to really engage the room parents and all parents for this.
- There will be different stations, for example: 8 count of hip hop from a dad choreographer, yoga.
- Monday will kick off wellness week.
- April 20th is Farmer's Market
- Thursday will be our Earth Day celebration.
- Earthcapades Assembly about recycling (April 13th) and waste reduction.
- Will have a citywide initiative where we will have to start composting.
- Pack a picnic lunch for April 20th. Zero waste.
- Question re: new recycling program for bottles and cans. Why would we bring that stuff when we can recycle at home?
- Answer: we have partnered with a company that will give us a percentage of money back for our recycling
- Brazell: week of the 18th is Waste Free Lunch. Trying to build that up. By law we need to reduce our school waste. Encourage kids to bring in containers instead of disposable baggies.
- As soon as we started the recycling program, we got our hydration stations. Would like to use money from the recycling to make signs for the hydrations stations w/ PVC pipe
- Lampert: Want to thank Maria. She has worked really well and hard with the teachers to find the right schedules for all the activities.

5. Yearbooks:

If you are unsure if you have purchased a yearbook for this year please check the PFC website where there is a list.

6. Cub Hugs:

They are out. You'll see them in the Cub Corner this month. Your personal note in the yearbook. Can send one to teachers, friends, kids, etc. Anyone can send one. The money goes back into the yearbook program. This is not on Pay4School this year.

Forms in: front office, PFC office, on the PFC website under downloadable forms., in the Cub Corner. Can also email me and I'll send you a form.

7. Variety Show:

March 11. Will start our on stage rehearsals

E. Principal's Report

-Our district is changing our website platform. I am working with the Parent Vision Committee to pick a new format. The district is going to pick one format for all schools.

-We received the Gold Ribbon award for being an exemplary school. We didn't even have to have a visitation

-Abra: what comes with this besides "bragging rights"

-Brazell: This is new, so we don't really know what this means yet. An opportunity to be sent for a National Award, since this is a State Award. We'll see which schools the state picks to send.

-We'll do an assembly to celebrate.

-Lampert: Chaparral probably hasn't received an award since the mid 1990s. So this is great!

-Brazell: we started a before school reading intervention. "Rise and Shine Reading". Tuesday – Friday 7:30am-8am. Students were invited to join. We have a variety of students. LCAP (our district funds). We purchased some new materials. Today is our 2nd day. We are the only school doing this before school (other schools are doing it after school). Ms. Dietz 3rd Grade

4th grade

Napier & Cioffi: 5th grade

9 week program.

-CASP (standardized test we started last year). Last year we did it in one week. We will probably do it over a longer span of time this year. It doesn't have to be done in 1 week. Students can take a break in the middle of the test and come back to it later that day or the next day.

-We've identified 2 weeks in May to do the testing. But it may change. 3-5th grade takes the test.

-Brazell: all 3rd and one 4th grade class will test on their Acer. Teachers working on it. Will close the library early. Can do small groups. Can test in different places...library, MPR, classrooms.

Registration is going very well. Do not hold me to it! But, it looks like we will have 4 classrooms of every grade. I've been working hard on planning with the numbers. We don't have a lot of permits but we have more people than you can imagine who want to come to our school. I have not accepted a lot of kindergarten permits b/c I'm saving spots to make sure we have spots for our residents or new families moving into the area. But, I can only hold those spots for so long.

Lampert: teachers are collaborating, working hard, lots going on

Brazell: teachers doing for the auction: lunch with a teacher (by raffle) and teacher for the day. Kinder for the teacher for the day is difficult so they will do bowling.

Had to add another minimum day. April 21st. I'll do an all-call.
Staff development day on April 22nd.

Open house May 25th on a Wednesday. Also Spirit Day.

Jessica: Change to final PFC meetings:

Wed April 6th PFC meeting

Friday: May 6th will be the May PFC meeting. Also, "recruitment breakfast"/"PFC open house". Please bring friends.

Thursday May 26th will be the FINAL PFC meeting.

April 27th is our volunteer breakfast. 7:45am-8:30am. Will have campus supervisors the whole time so the teachers can stay until 8:30am.

Sybil asked Brazell to talk about how teachers from other schools in our district have come to see what we are doing in our classrooms.

Sybil: there are 2 other schools that I know of in this district that did not receive the Gold Medal Award.

Brazell: there are 3 actually

All the elementary schools applied, 3 didn't get it.

Had to get our 15 page application down to 4 pages. Mrs. Lampert and Mrs. Shipow helped work on it.

We get a flag. We get something on the wall.

Brazell: discussed what she put into our application.

Sybil: THE Foundation which supports all LVUSD schools and gives us our part-time counselor.

THE Event coming up in May will be discussed at the next meeting.

THE Event May 21st.

Donate to their auction when ours is done!

Raffle Drawing: #1 Allyson Watson

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45am

Upcoming PFC Meetings: Wednesday April 6, Friday May 6 and Thursday May 26

Minutes submitted by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary