



## Monthly PFC Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016

### A. Meeting Called to Order: 8:23am

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Ben Abadian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ghazel Hafizi

#### 2. Treasurer's Report – Jason Weilert

Reserves: \$202,703.74

Money Market: \$283,274.62

Checking: \$74,654.72

#### 3. Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York

Thank you, as always.

### B. Old Business

#### 1. UNICEF– Lisa Steinmetz

\$1,701.33 raised

I'm very happy about that.

#### 2. Scholastic Book Fair – Lisa Opolion

Jessica reported on behalf of Lisa: it was wonderful. We will purchase Smart Boards with Scholastic Money earned from the book fair.

Lampert: the teachers are so appreciative of all the books the parents bought for them. So, thank you so much.

Ann: I think the Scholastic Dollar amount was \$7,000...so we should be able to get a few Smart Boards with that.

Jessica: we were able to do the "boutique" version of the book fair.

#### 3. Holiday Boutique - Ghazel Hafizi, Mino Rostami

Ghazel: 35 vendors. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. Thank you to everyone for your help. Still working on the numbers.

Jessica: we heard a lot of positive comments. "The wind was not on our side."

## C. New Business

### 1. Motor4Toys Drive / Car Show – Ben Abadian

Please donate unwrapped toys valued at \$10 or more. There are collection boxes all over the school. On Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Dustin from Motor4Toys will be here to collect the toys and we'll have the car show.

### 2. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Auction – Carrie Slatoff, The Kim Burns

Carrie & The Kim reported the progress on the auction so far, handed out donation forms as well as 100 Grand candy bars on postcards to encourage people to get involved in soliciting items.

Jessica reiterated how important the money we raise for the auction is. It helps us fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year. Please support the auction.

### 3. Variety Show – Billy Cooper

-Started planning. Had our first meeting.

-Different this year: Mrs. Adler has agreed to help us corral the kids and be an educator presence. She will also help with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade closing performance; so, 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be a \$10 extra cost to help pay for Mrs. Adler

-1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June in the PAEC (1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June: Sat night, Sun matinee)

-Theme: "Not So Late Night at Chaparral" a take-off of the late night talk shows.

-Parent info meeting probably the end of Jan. Sign-up will come up shortly after that.

Jessica: It's going to be amazing! Like the auction, it is a full-year job,

Suzy Cooper: what's the time commitment?

Jessica: most group practices happen Wednesday afternoon b/c of the minimum day. But, it depends on the group leader. And then there are the rehearsals right before the event.

Billy: there will be a parent/student contract and a 3 strikes rule w/ Mrs. Brazell's blessing.

Lisa D.: are there any behind the scenes or tech positions that 5<sup>th</sup> graders who don't want to perform can do?

Billy: I am open to that and we are exploring options.

5<sup>th</sup> grade participants will be held to the 2 out of 3 rule: 1) skits, 2) performance, 3) choral (all the kids will have to participate in 2 of the 3 of those)...unless they are a behind the scenes person

Jessica: it grows every year. We're excited for new ideas.

Brazell: that's one of the reasons we were hoping Mrs. Adler can be involved. Many times, parents assume that b/c it is a school thing many parents think the PFC volunteers should be like teachers, but they are not. People need to remember that just because they are not at school, they still need to behave like they are at school. I would hate to see VS not continue.

## **Reminders:**

Ann: today is Golden Spoon day

Corner Bakery coming on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica: we passed around one of these flyers for Fresh Brothers 20% going to the Literally Healing Program

Brazell: Described the Literally Healing Program

CHLA provides books for children who are ill. Mary Solis (a Chaparral mom) started organizing a yearly Calabasas Book Fair for this program. The book fair is today at Founder's Hall in Calabasas. Some of our teachers are reading. Our student council is making a presentation. 2-5pm today.

Jessica: because the children are very ill when they are at the hospital they cannot share books. So, the books have to be new. Goal: the constant need to replenish new books.

## **D. Principal's Report**

-Thank you, all of you because we are purchasing 2 more iPads for each K-2 room. We are very close to 1 to 1 iPads in K-2.

-We are purchasing an anti-bullying program that has 5 lessons for each grade level. We really need to educate everyone as to the difference between being mean and bullying. Our counselor goes into the classrooms to teach lessons. We are looking at restorative justice with students. We want to make sure the consequences teach a lesson and fit the action/behavior.

-Parent question: what grade does the counselor start going into the classroom?

-Brazell: kindergarten. K actually has more time to teach these programs. We actually weave these (social emotional) lessons into language arts lessons, for example.

-Parent question part 2: my kids are in journeys and I am already seeing the not nice behavior. Can we start this program earlier?

-Brazell: that is what we are working on. Remember that kids, up until 2<sup>nd</sup> or even 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, think the world revolves around them. So, while one child might interpret a behavior as not nice, that might not be what the intention was...there might have been no intention behind the behavior.

Brazell: Next year we would like to start giving monthly awards to kids. However, we are taking our time with this b/c we stopped doing this 4 years ago b/c many parents were upset when their kids did not get an award. It will be our goal for every child to receive an award for something that they have done/earned.

Brazell described what the staff is discussing in regards to this program.

-Parent question/comment: I hear that most of these problems happen on the playground and I know the teachers are not on the playground

-Brazell: the teachers are responsible for your kids while your kids are at school, even if they are not out on the yard. We train the campus supervisors. Remember, that what your kid is reporting to you might not be 100% accurate b/c it is from their point of view only.

-Lampert: I want to add to this. Especially with the little ones their perspective is off. We have to do a lot of investigating and teaching.

-Brazell: it takes time and every year we get a new group of students. It's really complicated.

-Lisa D.: just to clarify, when you say the program starts in kinder you really mean J/K

-Brazell: yes

-Parent question: A letter about behaviors went out to 1<sup>st</sup> grade last week. So, can we do a parent meeting to educate the parents as well?

-Brazell: yes, we can. My advice is to teach your kids how to put themselves in other people's shoes. We have done some parenting meetings in the past but this year we have not had a chance

Parent question: can you send something home to the parents about how Chaparral disciplines for different actions?

Brazell: it is all online.

Tara: commenting about how bad it is out there at the traffic line.

Brazell: this is the time of year when people start forgetting the rules and kindness with traffic. Please put that STOPP number into your phone and get the license plate and get it to them....they will do something. What they do: they will send a sheriff to talk to the people. It is very impactful.

Maria: there is a continuing ed class at AE Wright on anxiety tonight for anyone interested. A lot of time anxiety influences how the kids behave.

Erin: can you ask people via your all call or newsletter to remind their grandparents, husbands, nannies, etc to follow the traffic rules. And, can we tell people that they cannot j-walk there?

Brazell: unfortunately, it is not illegal. But we will keep working on it.

Friday is sports jersey day so I will include that in my all call.

Lisa D.: the communication to parents about what student council is doing is not good, there is no communication.

Brazell: it is supposed to come from the kids. It's a work in progress.

-Lisa D.: there needs to be more consistency through the grades for class parties. We need to get more organized, like the kindergarten teacher/room parent meeting at the beginning of the year. That would be helpful for every grade.

-Lampert: room parents need to be thoughtful of all the demands on us as teachers and the time it takes us to adjust to a new curriculum.

-Lisa D.: then how should we move forward? Are we okay to tell the teacher that we just couldn't pull it off?

-Lampert: yes

-Jessica: but we don't want the kids to suffer

-Brazell: the kids won't suffer. The teacher will step in.

-Brazell: I have asked for teachers to only ask for consumables, not money

## **E. Raffle Drawing:**

#15 Bonnie from Sylvan

## **F. Meeting Adjourned: 9:20am**

**Minutes Prepared by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary**