



Monthly PFC Meeting Minutes March 1, 2017

A. Meeting Called to Order: 8:21am

1. Approval of Minutes: Ben Abadian, 2nd Ghazel Hafizi
2. Treasurer's Report – Jason Weilert
Reserves: \$203,852.59
Money Market: \$283,316.32
Checking: \$44,792.26
3. Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York
Thank you.

B. Special Guest Speakers

1. David Shapiro and Alicia Weintraub, Council Members from the City of Calabasas

Jessica: last month they hosted a breakfast for the PFC/PFAs of all Calabasas schools to give them grant money. The money is earmarked for every year. We count on this money. This year we received: \$28,407

David: all 5 of us are very supportive of the local schools
\$250,000 total that the Council has to give to the PFCs and PFAs
Grants which are just for the schools to do the great work that you all do to support the students.

City Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to come to speak for 3 minutes about anything they want to at the beginning of the meeting.

Alicia and I are the City Council liaisons for the schools for City Council

Alicia: we were really happy to be here.

We review where all the money is being used at the schools we give to, and we are really happy to see where Chaparral is spending its money.

The City Council spends over \$1,000,000 on the schools, total; between grants, crossing guards, etc.

Alicia: discussion of public safety. Neighborhood watches are really important. There is a great one in Mulwood. It is very important to lock your cars. Sheriffs say that cameras are more important than alarms. The city council and sheriff's department non-emergency line for Lost Hills Sheriff station: 818-878-1808. If you see something, call. They want you to call. There are a lot of unmarked sheriff cars going around too.

City of Calabasas has a “no solicitation” ordinance...so, when people knock on your door, you can call the sheriff. It helps to have a little sign on your door that says “no soliciting”

This Saturday at the Calabasas library Children can read to a service dog for 15 minutes. 11:30-1:30. Sign-ups start at 11am.

David: St. Patrick’s Day celebration at the AHCCC. Free.

5th annual Dodgers (May 9) Calabasas night.

You can sign-up for City e-news and Library e-news on the City website.

2. Principal Elias Miles, A.E. Wright Middle School

A lot of the interest from Chaparral for AE Wright comes in regards to our GATE program. I’m here to answer any questions you may have.

Comment from Abra: kids who don’t get in, it’s not b/c they are not exceptional learners...it’s because all kids are different learners. That is not getting talked about enough to the kids.

Brazell: that is why we have Gifted and Talented Icons (depth and complexity) in each classroom K-5. It’s really about “fit”

Sandra Kaplan says there are 4 core components of GATE:

Novelty

Acceleration (a deeper, connected thinking)

Depth

Complexity

Outside of the GATE program, it is my understanding that there are some different offerings at AE Wright compared to AC Stelle

Electives: 6th grade discovery wheel: Spanish, fine arts, music, robotics. OR choir OR strings OR band

7th grade you can pick whichever elective you want

GATE program: a core program that is designed for these gifted learners. This might be the first time your child is sitting in a room with other gifted learners. They participate in regular PE and all the other student life.

170 students in gate program

870 total AE Wright students

They are currently selected by an IQ test. One psych eval to determine IQ. But we have really been pushing the district to consider the “T”.

We have a GATE steering committee

Brazell: this is for 5th graders. You fill out a form and your child will be pulled out of class for a 1 to 1 test. Sometimes, a high-achieving student doesn’t get the scores needed. It’s more about “fit” for your student.

The test is 20 mins to ½ hour.

Whitney: I'd like to see us move on b/c GATE is pertinent to only a small portion of our students. And, they are plenty of opportunities for GATE families to get their questions answered.

Lisa: I encourage you all to get to know the principals (of the middle schools and even the high schools) and reach out to them when you have questions.

AE Wright starts at 8:50am

Ann: I want to thank Elias Miles for coming here today, especially since we are not your traditional feeder school.

C. Old Business

1. Masquerade Ball – Caroline Ahoulim, Sara Karimi

Mrs. Brazell: Thank you to our chairs...it was amazing.

Caroline: we had close to 400 parents and students attend. Thank you to all who volunteered

Jessica: what an amazing performance. The DJ was incredible this year. The dads were telling us that they finally got to dance with their kids...the DJ made that possible.

Dayana: I think we should thank Chaparral for changing the format to include all types of families.

Jessica: before we move on I want to thank Sara Traband, who is not usually able to be here at our meetings b/c of work. She is amazing and does our email CUB Corner every week, amongst so many other things.

Sara: thank you to Vanessa Osborne for editing

D. New Business

1. SOVA Food Drive – Ben Abadian

March 27-31. Bags already picked up. They will go into each classroom. Canned goods, PB, rice, etc needed. Anything to help the community out.

Brazell: Ben, you can connect w/ Tulbure, Canet and Larkin.

2. Restaurant Night – Laura Berlant, Desiree Terian

Feb 15th Hook Burger, don't have numbers yet. Thank you for going.

This month: March 15th Habit: 20% back from them.

March 27-29: Rosti 15% back

3. Box Tops Contest - Laura Berlant, Desiree Terian

Starting in March. Different ways to “win”.

Monthly, starting today. Every classroom collects as many as they can. We are counting on the teachers for help.

For every 25 box tops a student brings in they will get a raffle ticket. Prizes TBD.

The class with the most box tops for the month gets a trophy to keep for the month in their classroom.

In June, there will be a party for the classroom that brought in the most Box Tops for the whole year. And, the teacher will get a gift card to help w/ supplies in their classroom.

Q: do we have numbers from Amazon yet?

Answer from Jessica: it's a healthy amount. But we don't have the exact total. Jason, maybe we can compile that info for the next meeting.

4. Yearbook / Cub Hugs – Abra Grupp

After 4 years of yearbook, it is so great to do all of this online like we have done this year.

New this year: we are offering a hard cover book as well as the soft cover. The soft cover version is upgraded from the old kind.

Cub Hugs: we are piloting it online this year. We will hopefully roll this out next week. Still working out some of the kinks. \$5 for each Cub Hug you want in the yearbook.

Cub Hugs: \$5 for up to 150 characters to be printed in the yearbook. You can do one for your kid, the principal, your teacher, a PFC member. Accepted until April 10th

If you have an exceptional photo of students or parent volunteers from school events, please send them to me and I will try to get them into the yearbook.

Differences between the hard copy yearbook and DVD memories explained.

5. 10th Annual Online Auction – Carrie Slatoff, The Kim Burns

Updates on the auction reported.

E. Principal's Report

Things are pretty awesome at school right now. I'm a firm believer in doing things right, but sometimes that takes time.

You might hear your children speak more about bullying. We are really trying to educate our kids on what bullying is, and what it is not.

We are working on tying our character traits together. They have skits for what the character traits are.

We are singing the Cubs song at every assembly. And a patriotic song too.

There will be a sports event coming up, open to all.

The essence of those nights is about spending time with your family. And having that special time together.

Lampert: the assemblies on the 1st Wednesday of every month are really special.

Brazell: it is our 50th anniversary. We need your help. We are planning: at Concert on the Green (Motown theme). We will have short snippets of what Chaparral is like today and what it was like at different points over the last 50 years. If you are an alumni, or know one, we need people to read short one minutes snippets. Also, if anyone has any Chaparral memorabilia from over the years please bring it in. We'd like to have a display in the library for Open House.

Grace Fisher with Lost and Found update: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month I will sort. We have different bins (clothing vs food items, labelled vs non-labelled). I have identified an organization (Second Families) that will take some of the nicer items for refugees. I would love 1 or 2 parent volunteers to help me sort the items. I'll send out a sign-up genius.

Jessica: I want to thank Grace for taking this on. We really appreciate our new lost and found coordinator Grace Fisher.

Question about the bullying program.

Lampert: The 3 components taught in our bullying program: recognize, report, refuse

Brazell: specifically designed for each grade level. The biggest thing is helping each other. Don't be a "bystander", be an "upstander". Don't stand by and just watch it happen.

Q: science has been a different curriculum than what my older children have had

Answer from Brazell: the standards have changed. And, unfortunately our 5th grade science teacher had 2 surgeries this year so we've had different substitutes.

Q: is the 5th grade going to watch the video that needs parent permission?

A: yes. It's coming.

F. Raffle Drawing: #8 Ghazel

G. Meeting Adjourned: 9:49am

Minutes prepared by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary