



## **PFC Meeting Minutes May 2, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order: 8:49am**

### **1. General Business**

- a. Approval of Minutes (from April 11 Meeting)
  - i. 1st: Ben Abadian; 2nd: Kim Shubeck
- b. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Reserves: \$255,347.98
  - ii. Money Market: \$278,496.67
  - iii. Checking: \$98,229.96
- c. Hospitality Acknowledgement – Lisa Dumke, Ghazal Hafizi, Alex Rosas, Allyson Watson
  - i. Ann thanked the hospitality team.

### **2. Special Guest - Stephanie Corbett from Boys & Girls Club**

- a. Stephanie introduced herself. She noted the new changes to safety at BGC. She noted that she is working on hiring more quality staff so kids can attend more Chaparral events like Farmers Market and Book Fair.
- b. Stephanie shared her email address and welcomed parents to contact her with any questions. The best way to contact her is to email her or call to set up an appointment.
- c. Stephanie shared Summer Camp brochures and announced some of the plans for summer camp. She noted that registration is now open and encouraged parents to sign-up right away so they can better understand staffing and activities.
- d. Stephanie provided information on enrichment programs for next year and noted that she has a parent survey and encouraged parents to fill one out with suggestions.
- e. Stephanie noted that homework help is always available at BGC. A parent noted that the Internet connection is not good there and her child often can't do their online homework. Stephanie said that they had to cut down on tech-time in order to better monitor the kids and what they are doing on acers. Ann asked if BGC is on the LVUSD Guest network because that may be the problem. Stephanie said that she has not had a chance to look into the wifi issue.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. Wellness Week - Maria Nicolacakis
  - i. Movapalooza! - Maria thanked the Wellness Committee and everyone who helped at the event.
  - ii. Farmer's Market Jamboree
    1. Maria noted that the students had a great time planting and doing crafts. Jason noted that these events are fairly new but the kids are now aware of these events and look forward to them
    2. Ann noted that people from all over the community come to the event.
    3. Jason thanked Maria and the whole wellness team

4. Maria added that the Poet that was at farmers market was for rent and shared info on his services.
- b. Soles4Souls Shoe Drive – Ben Abadian
  - i. Ben noted that it was a great shoe drive with a big truck load that was collected.
  - ii. Ben noted that this week is the clothing collection and that the last day to bring in items is Friday, 5/4.
  - iii. Jason thanked Ben for all of the hard work
  - iv. Ann noted that Family Rescue Center will have an event on 5/5 for the community to help sort clothes and welcomed families to join.
- c. Community Outreach – Laura Berlant, Desiree Terian
  - i. Laura noted that Box Tops Contest is currently running and ends on 5/16. The class and family that bring in the most Box Tops will receive a prize. Winners will be announced in the Cub Corner
  - ii. Laura noted that there will be a Restaurant Fundraiser all day on 5/16 at Fresh Brothers and that 20% will be donated back to our school.
  - iii. Ann thanked Community Outreach for the year round work.

#### **4. New Business**

- a. Staff Appreciation Week (week of May 7) – Allyson Watson
  - i. Allyson noted that Staff Appreciation Week starts on Monday, May 7 and goes on all week. She noted that Wednesday starts with the flower presentation in the morning followed by luncheon at 12:30. She added that this year the teachers will have lunch catered by Stonefire.
  - ii. Lisa asked non-room parents for help on Wednesday arranging floral bouquets for support staff.
  - iii. Jason announced that Allyson will be moving to Auction next year and is vacating Staff Appreciation. He added that we are in need of a coordinator for Staff Appreciation.
- b. Ice Cream Social (May 16-17) – Dayana Kling, Kristy Scott
  - i. Kristy noted that Ice Cream Social is coming up in 2 weeks and that it will be broken up into 2 nights - JK, 1st, and 2nd will be the first night and the second night will be for grades 3-5.
  - ii. Kristy noted that Strike-a-Pose will be there again this year. She added that this year, Sports n More will be there as well as BGC for arts and crafts.
  - iii. Dayana noted that pizza will be sold at the event for \$1/slice.
  - iv. Ann noted that it is not a drop off event. She thanked Kristy and Dayana.
- c. Open House (May 23)
  - i. Jason noted that there would be food trucks at 5pm
  - ii. Jason noted that the schedule was J-2nd 5:30-6:30 and grades 3-5 is 6:00-7:00pm
  - iii. Ann thanked Jason for organizing Open House
- d. Variety Show - Chrissie Hand
  - i. Chrissie Hand was not present but Ann noted that emails will be coming soon about ticket sales and video sale

## 5. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell noted that she would like for all kids can have access to the Farmers Market. Mairead offered suggestions on how to make it happen by coordinating with teachers. Mrs. Brazell added that Mooveapaloza was wonderful and Coach Felicity was really helping with that.
- b. Mrs. Brazell noted that she will be putting out a Principal's Message about staffing soon. She announced that Mrs. Fitzner is retiring.
- c. She noted that we have more students on the waiting list than she can take. She added that she is trying to be mindful of the space at school. She noted that there are approximately 50 Kinder students on this list for next year.
- d. She noted that there will probably be 3 x 5th grade and 3 x 4th grade classes that will probably affect our fundraising. She added that in keeping these grades at 3 classes, she will not have to do a combination class. A question was raised about the class sizes in the 2 grades - Mrs. Brazell answered that it would be the district average of 30-31 students.
- e. Mrs. Brazell encouraged people to spread the word about registering for Kindergarten.
- f. Mrs. Brazell noted that Ms. Canet will be staying at Chaparral.
- g. Mrs. Brazell noted that she anticipates to be a targeted Title-1 school and this will help fund our counselor.
- h. Mrs. Brazell noted that the office is short staffed. She added that when Ms. Skillin was at out school, she had 1.5 hours per day of office work and the front office has taken on the job that Ms. Skillin used to do. A question was raised about allowing parents to volunteer in the office. Mrs. Brazell noted that the there is a lot of confidential information and the office is not well designed for being confidential.
- i. Mrs. Brazell noted there will be a new district-wide system for checking-in where a driver license will be needed and a badge will be generated with your photo on it. She added that the badge will magically void itself after 24 hours. Mrs. Brazell noted that she heard that some schools in the district will be getting additional fencing, but that she does not know if it's Chaparral.
- j. Mrs. Brazell noted that she and Mrs. Lampert have been trying to make it out to the drop off line.
- k. A question was raised again about class sizes. Mrs. Brazell explained the formula that is used to determine the number of classes there will be per grade. She added that it also depends on what can be afforded and that every year is different.
- l. A question was raised about the current 2nd grade class being a large class and whether Mrs. Brazell would know about having 4 classes when in 4th grade. Mrs. Brazell, noted that every year is different. Jason added that it is all a numbers game. Mrs. Brazell restated that Ms. Fitzner is retiring and also announced that Mrs. Argyropolys will not be at Chaparral next year. She added that this year it worked out and if not, then new hires are made, sometimes just a few days before school starts.
- m. A question was brought up about having teachers come help in the morning for 30 minutes during their assigned traffic duty week. Mrs. Brazell noted that teachers have adjunct duties such as lunch duty and gate duty. She added that it is something she will bring up to the staff. She added that teachers have a contract she has to follow about teachers prep time.



- n. Mrs. Brazell noted that she has an all day meeting tomorrow with the grade-level leads to plan to schedule for next year.
- o. A question was raised about using PFC money to keep class sizes down to 25. Mrs. Brazell noted that the district discourages that. Mrs. Brazell noted that the district is negotiating the teachers' contracts and one of the items it covers is class size. She added that research shows that it is not the number of students in the classroom, but the quality of instruction.
- p. It was suggested that classroom size should be considered when classes are so large.
- q. Mrs. Brazell noted that more should be done with The Foundation by the community to fundraise for schools to not only provide counseling but also provide salaries for additional teachers to lower class sizes. A question was brought up about fundraising and it was stated that The Foundation is fundraising year round and donations can always be made.
- r. Mrs. Brazell reassured the room that the changes will all be OK and for the best.

#### 6. Final Statements

- a. Ann announced that Ms. Davis needs help at the library on Friday and Monday, all day
- b. Jason thanked the room for attending

#### **Raffle Drawing - #6, Dayana Kling**

#### **Meeting Adjourned - 10:08am**

Minutes prepared by Laura Berlant, Recording Secretary