



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018

Meeting Called to Order 8:22

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from Sept. Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Desiree Terian, 2nd: Ben Abadian
- b. Treasurer's Report – Carrie Slatoff
 - i. Checking: \$245,648.45
 - ii. Savings: \$228,560.06
 - iii. Reserves: \$256,672.59
- c. Hospitality Gratitude
 - i. Jason thanked the hospitality team: Ghazal Hafizi and Lannette Phillips

2. City Council Members - School Site Liaisons – David Shapiro & Alicia Weintraub

- a. Jason noted that David Shapiro and Alicia Weintraub are our school site liaisons on the City Council of Calabasas. They come a few times a year to check in and give a report on what is going on.
- b. David said he has three children who all went to LVUSD schools and Alicia currently has two. They give direct grants to the PFA's and PFC's. They give about 1.2 million a year to the schools.
- c. David said that you can email or contact them directly. You can also come to city councils meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's each month and can speak for three minutes.
- d. Alicia noted that the city council is very supportive of the schools. They are here for us, not just for school related things but anything city related.
- e. Alicia noted a few events happening in the city. On October 7th there will be a flu clinic that is free for all Calabasas residents. The clinic will take place at Founders Hall from 8-12. On October 20th-21st is the Calabasas Pumpkin Festival at De Anza Park. To help with crowd control there will be presale tickets available for Calabasas residents. \$10 at the door and presale tickets for \$5.
- f. Alicia noted they are committed to keeping the community safe. She said about a quarter of the city budget is spent on sheriff services. They are committed to strengthening the relationship between the sheriff and the schools.
- g. Alicia noted that in order for everyone to stay in touch with the city everyone should make sure they have the connect with Calabasas app. When you are driving around the city sometimes it is quicker to snap a picture and get that information to the city staff.
- h. Alicia noted that at the last council meeting there was a proposal about Wild Walnut Park. The recommendation was to move forward and get budget estimates for both a dog park and a kids park. Public comment is very helpful on all items.

- i. David noted that October 10th is International Walk to School Day. There will be city council members and school board members handing out special prizes to each child that walks to school.
- j. David noted that the Scouts in the community have their annual food drive November 10th-11th at the Commons. The food goes to the West Valley food pantry.
- k. Alicia left paperwork on Calabasas emergency information so you can make sure you are signed up to receive emergency notifications from the city and county. They have peoples landlines but not cell numbers. They want to make sure they have everyone's up to date contact information.
- l. David noted that the annual recycle drawing contest is going on right now. The deadline is October 26th. The winners drawings will be in a calendar. The winners are given awards at the Environmental Commission.
- m. Alicia reminded everyone to vote on November 6th. It is the first time the city of Calabasas election and the school board election is consolidated with the state. The city of Calabasas has three seats up and has three candidates running.
- n. Jason noted that it is nice that we have the support of the city and that the city allocates a certain amount of money to all of the PFC's in the district. There is a point in the year that Carrie and Jason will go to a city council meeting and be presented with a check from the city. Last year they received about \$28,000.
- o. Mrs. Brazell noted that the city council helps to provide the extra fifteen minutes a day so the school can open at 7:30.

3. Old Business

- a. Digital Directory
 - i. Jason noted that the digital directory is live. If you are new you should have received an email from directory spot. Any edits must be made on a computer and then can be accessed on a phone.
- b. Donor Drive - Amy Gray, Susan Harrison
 - i. Amy noted the Donor Drive wrapped up Monday. \$197,112 was raised without the company match. An additional \$7,000 is expected with the company match.
 - ii. Mr. Ross and Mrs. Gourley reached 100% participation. They will receive a pizza and ice cream party. There were 11 other classes with over 90% participation.
 - iii. Jason noted they are down two classes this year so they anticipated that there would be a little drop off from last year but the exact opposite happened. We are over what we did last year.
 - iv. Amy said 85% participation for the school.
 - v. Jason thanked Amy and Susan for doing the donor drive for five years. They are officially retiring and handing it off to Lindsay Vaisman and Julie Burkes next year. Jason said the donor drive sets up the year to be a success.
- c. Movie Night - Beth Anson
 - i. Beth said there was a decent turnout and it is the one night we offer something free for the community. The kids were well behaved.

- ii. Jason thanked Beth and said it is a fun event. He noted they look for opportunities to create a sense of community for the school and this is one of those events. The hard work and behind the scene efforts doesn't always show up on the day of event so he thanked Beth.
 - iii. Mrs. Brazell said it is becoming one of her favorite events.
 - d. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant, Emily Stearn
 - i. Restaurant Nights (Dog Haus & Pancake Breakfast)
 - 1. Laura noted the Dog Haus raised \$66 and The Stand Pancake Breakfast raised \$422.
 - 2. Laura said this month they brought in \$1,100 from the fundraisers.
 - 3. Emily said they are trying to do a couple more a month in case someone can't make it to one.
 - ii. Ralphs Raffle Update
 - 1. Emily noted you don't have to re register if you did last year. The Ralphs Raffle winner is Khalia Walden.
 - 2. Emily noted that 125 households participate so far.
 - 3. Ralphs issues checks quarterly. The last check we received was \$1,300. Last school year we raised almost \$5,000.

4. **New Business**

- a. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant, Emily Stearn
 - i. Box Tops Contest
 - 1. Emily noted that the class that gets the most box tops turned in gets rewarded with a party. Mrs. Baldwin is in the lead with 113. The cut off is November 1.
 - ii. October Restaurant Nights
 - 1. CPK (Oct 10)
 - 2. Cricca's & Cup and Cone (Oct 17)
 - 3. Commons Night (Oct 24)
 - a. Teachers will go to Barnes and Noble to read to the kids. A lot of restaurants will offer percentages back to Chaparral that day.
- b. International Walk to School Day (Oct.10) – Jennifer York
 - i. Jen said starting at 7:15 there are three locations that will have volunteers giving out prizes. Declaration and Liberty Bell, Magna Carter and Paul Revere, Founders and Liberty Bell
- c. Red Ribbon Week (Oct 22-26) – Maria Nicolacakis
 - i. Jenn noted that the National theme is: Life is a Journey Travel Drug Free. Ours theme is Life is a Journey Travel Healthy
 - ii. Jason said it is a fun week to encourage kids to make healthy choices.
- d. Fall Festival (Oct. 28) – Desiree Terian & Miranda Fitzgerald
 - i. Desiree noted the Fall Festival is October 28th from 11-4. Schoolpay will go live to buy tickets.

- ii. New this year will be a costume contest for everyone that comes before 11:30.
 - iii. Boys and girls will be doing cookie decoration. There will be face painting, hair spa, cake walk, mummy wrap, pie eating, live dj, In and Out, Italian Ice.
 - iv. Suzy gave information regarding the auction baskets. An email will be going out today to room parents. They will send out the themes to the classes. Donations are due October 15th and the room parents will wrap baskets on October 23.
 - v. Miranda said they need volunteers. In past years it has been challenging to get volunteers so that is why they added the donation option. For people who cannot volunteer they are asking for items to be donated to the snack shack. The school can make 100% profit on those items.
 - vi. Jason noted that they contract with a carnival ride provider who brings 8 rides onto the upper field. They also have Chaparral traditions such as the cake walk. They are going to be pre selling tickets starting next week. Tickets will be sold at a discount the first couple weeks. You can go to Schoolpay to purchase those tickets. Jason added that the baskets are a key component to the event. It is a fun day and is a massive production to put on.
 - vii. Mrs. Brazell suggested that parents should contact teachers to see how they would like to collect items for the auction baskets. She will tell them to lock smaller items in their classrooms.
 - viii. No candles, chocolates and alcohol are allowed in the baskets.
- e. Save the Dates:
- i. Book Fair (Nov. 9-16)
 - 1. Jason said Monday is holiday so the book fair will start on Friday November 9th. The book fair is a big volunteer heavy event.
 - ii. Holiday Boutique (Nov. 29)
- f. Auction
- i. Jason noted that there will be an auction meeting after the PFC meeting.
 - ii. Carrie said the auction is the second biggest fundraiser for the PFC. Allyson has already starting working over the summer. They need a lot of help so please stay for the meeting and see the volunteer opportunities.

5. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell thanked everyone for everything we are doing regarding safety. She said a parent asked her about having everyone get out at one gate after school. She noted that she doesn't have the staff for that. It is a very tricky campus. No other elementary school has to deal with the different levels. She never gives up and is seeing if we can get some extra support.

- b. Mrs. Brazell wanted to remind kinder parents that they need to drop the kids off and leave.
- c. Mrs. Brazell thanked everyone for the Donor Drive.
- d. Mrs. Brazell noted that October is anti bullying month. She said in August they started with Second Step which has anti bullying lessons. By law the 4th and 5th grade students must have a lesson about sexual harassment. She tells them that there are sexes (boy or girl) and that they are growing up and maturing to be a man or a woman. During that time period kids are embarrassed and feel funny because they are changing, maturing and growing and sometimes kids tease. She said that is basically what they talk about. She always sends a letter to parents that day describing what they talk about. They also talk about social media with all grades before they use any type of devices.
- e. Mrs. Brazell is a firm believer that it is unfair for us to have expectations for kids unless we really taught something and re taught it so that is why we are spending a lot of time on it. She thanked the PFC for the assembly yesterday called The Power of One. It taught the kids about bullying and how to stand up for one another. It gave them lessons about bystander power and how to help stop bullying.
- f. Mrs. Brazell teaches the kids that the only person at the school that gets to decide if someone is a bully is her. They are trying to get them to understand that it isn't bullying if a student is mean. Bullying overtime is about wanting to have power over someone. Right now Chaparral has no bullies.
- g. Mrs. Brazell noted that she has been keeping data since she has been there. Four years ago the total number of referrals she had to the office was 250 for the year. Last year it was 30 and every year it has decreased. The kids are learning and she is proud of them for that.
- h. Mrs. Brazell noted that the character trait this month is citizenship and leadership. They will be working on that.
- i. Mrs. Brazell noted that teachers are gearing up for conferences and it has been a great start to the school year.
- j. Mrs. Brazell noted that they will be starting a recognition assembly for students in November. They have a committee of teachers working on it. Students will have the opportunity to be recognized for the character traits they are studying each month. The students will be recognized at an assembly on the upper yard with everyone and then parents will be invited to come to the MPR where students will also be recognized. She would like every child to be recognized but doesn't know if that is what they will end up doing. The history at Chaparral is that we don't do anything like this because parents were upset that not every child got an award. Teachers just did in classrooms. It's been a journey and they are working on it.
- k. Mrs. Brazell noted that we are waiting to hear confirmation about her recommendation for the art teacher.
- l. Mrs. Brazell said the position for a music teacher was posted.

Raffle Drawing - #28 Ghazal

Meeting Adjourned 9:23