



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes December 5, 2018

Meeting Called to Order 8:18 a.m.

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from Nov. 7 Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Emily Stearn, 2nd: Ben Abadian
- b. Treasurer's Report – Ghazal Hafizi
 - i. Checking: \$100,980
 - ii. Savings: \$368,592
 - iii. Reserves: \$257,437.26
- c. Hospitality Gratitude – Ghazal Hafizi & Lanette Phillips
 - i. Jason thanked Ghazel and Lanette for setting up hospitality

2. Old Business

- a. Book Fair Update
 - i. Jen thanked everyone for setting up Thursday. Jen appreciated everyone who helped pack up the bookfair on Monday.
 - ii. Jason thanked Jen for all of her hard work. Jason noted that the fires started Thursday evening and because the holiday boutique was scheduled for the first week back at school they had to make a decision to cancel the bookfair.
 - iii. Jason noted that the school will be missing out on some scholastic dollars but we do have some in our account so it is not a huge loss.
- b. Holiday Boutique (Nov. 29) – Sadie Novello
 - i. Jason thanked Sadie for her hard work.
 - ii. Sadie noted they had a good turn out. She thanked everyone who helped. She has one more year and would like someone to shadow her next year to learn what to do for the following year.
 - iii. Jason noted that even though it was raining they had a lot of sales.
- c. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. Emily noted they are waiting for the final numbers from the Fresh Brothers event.
 - ii. The Rosti event was cancelled due to the fire evacuations.

3. New Business

- a. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. There is going to be a restaurant day for lunch and dinner at The Stand on the December 13th. 20% of sales go back to Chaparral and every time you use The Stand app 5% goes back to the school.
 - ii. Keep using amazon, shopping at ralphs, and keep collecting box tops.

- iii. Jason noted if you are buying gift cards go to Ralph's to buy them and make sure your card is linked to Chaparral.
- b. Motor4Toys Drive/Car Show (Dec. 10 - Dec. 19) – Ben Abadian
 - i. Ben noted the kick off assembly is this Friday. The toy drive is December 10-19. Boxes will be set up around school for kids to donate unwrapped gifts worth \$10 or more. There will be a car show on campus on December 19th.
- c. 11th Annual Online Auction – Allyson Watson
 - i. Allyson noted they are still collecting items and so far have 40 items imputed into the computer.. She still needs people to spread the word to get additional items. She has forms for people to give businesses. A link for the forms is also on the PFC website.
 - ii. Allyson said people can contact her if they would like to get involved and help.
 - iii. Allyson noted that if anyone has gift cards that they won't use they can donate them for the auction.
 - iv. Jason noted the auction is the second biggest fundraiser for the year.
 - v. The auction is March 8-17 and that is when you can go online and bid.
- d. Variety Show 2019 – Meredith Sesser
 - i. Meredith noted the theme is British Invasion and can be any British band.
 - ii. This year there will not be a show Sunday but only Friday and Saturday. The Saturday time will be earlier, probably around 4. There will also only be one MPR rehearsal this year. They won't be selling candy to the kids this year.
 - iii. Meredith noted they are looking for people to help and be group leaders.
 - iv. The Variety Show dates are June 7 and 8th.
 - v. The sign up will be coming out Jan 7th with School Pay. People will have a week and a half to sign up.
 - vi. There is a Variety Show meeting December 13th meeting in in the MPR.
 - vii. Carrie noted the variety show is a fun show to be in and a fun show to watch. It is a massive parent volunteer event. She thanked Meredith for taking it on.

4. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell noted the kids were happy to be back at school. She hoped we got her email about the fire drill due to a burnt muffin in the cafeteria. She noted the impromptu fire drill was great practice and everytime they do something like that they learn from it. As a school she said they review their plan and see what they can do to make things better.
- b. Mrs. Brazell noted that the community has been amazing and that people have rallied together to support one another. Mr. Jim worked a lot over the break to supervise the crews. The district did some amazing things. They even replaced microwaves and coffee makers. In abundance of caution

- the schools go that extra mile to make sure that everything is safe and that the kids are doing well.
- c. Mrs. Brazell noted that conference are coming up. Teachers will be showing parents the report cards. Her directive to teachers is to have a good conversations with parents about what is happening with their child at school and academically.
 - d. Donna noted that after winter break registration packets will be available for incoming kinder and journey students. Before the fires the district was going to put registration packets on line but since everything happened she is not sure if they are just going to do a paper copy. She is going to a meeting on Friday to find out.
 - e. Mrs. Brazell said spreading the word is helpful and to encourage new families not to wait to register so they can know what the numbers will be for next year. Knowing early relieves a lot of stress for teachers and staff so they know what they are dealing with and a lot of decisions need to be made for next year.
 - f. Mrs. Brazell said they will be interviewing for the music teacher. The interviewing got postponed because of the fires. If they don't find someone they will post it again. She knows they will find someone really good.
 - g. Mrs. Brazell noted how wonderful the new art teacher is. They are decorating the board room at district office today. They took one wall and it is a gratitude wall with letters. They will also have art work displayed.
 - h. Mrs. Lampert noted that over the summer they went back and forth about flexible seating. The teachers are loving it and the kids also love the options. They also appreciate the extra book shelves. They appreciate the extra support.
 - i. Mrs. Brazell noted that there are a lot of new options with the playground equipment. They still have new stuff to bring out.
 - j. Donna noted that during the tours some parent on every tour commented on how nice it was to see the alternative furniture and not have every kid sitting at a desk or in a chair. There are cushions, rockers, bean bag chairs, lap desks, yoga balls.
 - k. Mrs. Brazell said the school district is applying for a waiver for the days missed due to the fire. She said because we were in a disaster area it is normally approved. She said 99.9% it will be approved. She commented that research shows that more breaks are better for kids. They aren't worried about the kids missing the week and feel good that it won't impact the kids at all.
 - l. A question came up about reducing homework. Mrs. Brazell said that not having homework has not impacted the kids. In the upper grades they are still studying, reading and students are being in charge and paying more attention to their learning. The ren star scores have not changed and they are exactly where they should be for this time of the year.
 - m. Mrs. Lampert said research shows that in elementary schools not having homework does not have an impact. She said they are still in that gathering information stage and observing. Mrs. Lampert said reading is the most important thing and every student should be reading at home.

- n. Mrs. Brazell said it is not less homework necessarily. Hopefully it is more specifically targeted assignments and activities that are really making a difference and is not busy work. Mrs. Brazell said the kids need to be in charge of their learning. It's a process and the best practice is to get them involved.
- o. Mrs. Brazell said they knew homework wasn't increasing learning and research shows it doesn't build responsibility. She said the school district is working together to make homework effective. They are having conversations district wide. Middle schools and high schools are discussing homework and if it is increasing learning.

5. Boys and Girls Club

- a. Stephanie from Boys and Girls Club talked about their rainy day schedule. Parents can call at pickup and they will let you know where to go. Winter camp will be open 8am-6p starting December 21st but will be closed Christmas and New Years. Winter camp is included in the afternoon program but people still need to register so they know how many kids to expect. Winter camp is also open to kids who are non members.

6. Raffle Drawing

- a. Meredith Sesser

Meeting Adjourned 9:14 a.m.