



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes March 6, 2019

Meeting Called to Order 8:17a.m.

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from Feb. 6 Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Lindsay Vaisman, 2nd: Arin Weissmann
- b. Treasurer's Report - Ghazal Hafizi
 - i. Checking: \$83,114.45
 - ii. Savings: \$368,646.49
 - iii. Reserves: \$260,400.45
- c. Hospitality Acknowledgement
 - i. Jason thanked Ghazal Hafizi & Lanette Phillips

2. Special Guests: Calabasas City Council Members David Shapiro and Alicia Weintraub

- a. Jason noted the city allocates a certain amount of money each year to all of the schools in Calabasas. In January they all got together and they distributed those funds and gave over \$20,000. Jason thanked them for the generous offering and pointed out it is just one more way they are committed to our schools.
- b. Alicia noted that most of their big efforts have been spent on disaster recovery and emergency preparedness. The city is continuing to work on responses and improvements from the fires. She wanted to make sure everyone is aware of a site called Ready Set Go. It is put out by L.A. County Fire. It has good information on it. The city is continuing to work on responses and improvements as a result of the fires. There is horrible cell phone service so they are meeting with cell phone providers and hopefully there will be introducing changes.
- c. David said in 2012 they created a wireless ordinance with tight restrictions. Cell providers were not anxious to invest in infrastructures when they couldn't get approvals. That was the will of the public at that time but things change so they are hearing a lot more from everyone that cell service is much more important than it was in 2012.
- d. Alicia noted that the city of Calabasas joined the Clean Power Alliance. Your bill for Edison is how power is naturally delivered to Calabasas residents. Your bill is still going to come from Edison but the actual delivery is from the Clean Power Alliance and it is a way to provide cleaner energy to our community. The city opted in but you can opt out if you are happy with Edison or don't want to be involved with the program. There were different chooses the city can enter into and they choose one

- where the rates would be less than Edison. They are at a 36% renewable energy. You can choose to go up to 50% or 100%.
- e. David noted that all of them at the city council supports the schools. They are going into budget talks about the coming year. Our city took a big hit in the last three months. They will be looking at strict budget restraints for the next few years.
 - f. David noted they have a workshop planned for April 27, 9am-12pm. They meet twice a month, every other Wednesday at the city hall. At the meetings you have the opportunity to speak for three minutes.
 - g. David noted that both he and Alicia are on a task force for emergency preparedness. The goal and desire is to figure out solutions. Their supervisor has hired an independent company to get all of the information, put it together and make recommendations.
 - h. Alicia said the city is in the process of working to rebuild Grape Arbor park and the Calabasas dog park which were completely devastated in the fires. They are waiting for insurance agency to do their analysis. They are evaluating the soil conditions at the park. Once all of that happens they can go forward with rebuilding.
 - i. David noted our city lost 9 homes, 28 building and 3 parks in the fire. He said we are lucky compared to our neighbors.
 - j. David noted there is a pro tennis tournament March 17-24 at the Swim and Tennis Center. March 16th is Arbor Day at A.C. Stelle. March 16th is also the St. Patrick Day celebration at the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center. There is a 5k run in the morning around City Hall. On April 13th there is a bunny Easter egg hunt from 9am-12pm at De Anza park. In the afternoon on the 13th is the annual Earth Day Festival outside the Albertsons on Agoura Rd.
 - k. David noted that on April 30th the City of Calabasas will ban the use of plastic straws and utensils at restaurants and city events.
 - l. Jason thanked David and Alicia and said we have a very open city council. He said all of the information to contact them is on the website. You can email them and they are always available.

3. Old Business

- a. Lights, Camera, Dance - Tania Kingsrud & Mira Rocca
 - i. Jason noted there was a photographer at the dance. She put together a photo gallery. They sent an email to the people who went to the dance with the link to the photos.
- b. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn were not at the meeting so Jason reported on their behalf.
 - i. CPK day raised \$106.
 - ii. They are still waiting for the numbers from the Fresh Brothers day.
 - iii. Jason noted that he put in cub corner a run down of the funds that have come in so far for community fundraising. Amazon has brought in \$1,200.00, Box Tops \$375, Ralphs \$2,600.00, restaurant nights over \$1,700, community cards \$1,400.00. All of that tallies up to about \$7,500.00. Jason thanked everyone. He said every little thing we do

might seem small but it actually adds up in the end of the year to essentially free money. Jason said keep doing what we are doing and thanked everyone for helping.

4. New Business

- a. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. There is a restaurant day today at The Habit from 4pm to 10pm. You have to show a barcode that they scan. There are links on the website and have been sent in an email.
- b. 12th Annual Online Auction – Allyson Watson
 - i. Allyson said the auction opens this Friday at 7am. There are 30 parties, 2 parents parties, mom and dad nights. There are over 400 items. The catalog value is \$116,000.
 - ii. Allyson said they have things that aren't local too. If you are planning to travel check it out.
 - iii. Carrie noted there are great Chaparral exclusives. There are teachers for a day, opportunity drawing for lunch with a teacher, parking spots for big events, front row seat for events, items from Boys and Girls Club. You can bid on a parking spot for the year.
 - iv. Carrie thanked Allyson and said so much goes into the auction. Allyson has been working on it since summer. It is no easy task and she is doing a great job. It is the second biggest fundraiser for the school.
- c. Variety Show 2019 - Meredith Sesser
 - i. Meredith noted that the 5th grade practice starts today. There are 287 kids in show. All of the groups have their songs. They will send emails about tickets. There are tickets with parking on sale in the auction.
- d. Food Drive (week of March 18th) – Ben Abadian
 - i. Ben noted the Annual Food Drive for the West Valley Food Pantry will be March 18-22. On the 15th the kids will be coming home with paper bags from Ralph's. On the 22nd they will come to school and pick up bags.
 - ii. Carrie thanked Ben for all of the wonderful humanitarian events that he brings to the school. Carrie said we always raise money for our school and what we need so it is nice to do things for others and create that awareness for our children also.
- e. Yearbook Update – Toni Edwards was not at the meeting so Jason reported on her behalf.
 - i. Yearbooks are on sale on the website. The price increased in March. The price increase is to motivate people to buy them. They are going to be for sale until April 6.
 - ii. Cub hugs are personal messages that you can purchase for your kid for the yearbook. They will be on sale March 17th for two weeks.
- f. Miscellaneous
 - i. Jason noted that they are always open to suggestions and that they encourage them. They always take into consideration people's requests. They figured out a way to do two specific requests made

this year. Starting March 12th the kinder gate will now be open at 7:30am. Starting March 12th the library will be open at 7:30am. Parents brought these to their attention and they were able to make them happen.

- ii. Carrie said she and Grace are working on getting next year in order. Please talk to them about positions. They would love to work with you and have you on their team. If you are staying in your position thank you and let them know.
- iii. Jason noted you should support The Foundation. They do fundraising that is responsible for the entire district. If funding is an issue you should support The Foundation. If everyone supported it we would have millions of dollars available to use to use on our campuses. It is a model that has worked in other communities.

5. Boys and Girls Club

- a. Stephanie noted that this Thursday and Friday kinder will not be affected. If it doesn't rain it will run similar to a Wednesday club. School really works with them to find space inside due to rain.
- b. Spring break and summer-register is open. Please also register for next school year and kinder club.
- c. Stephanie said she is always available for questions.

6. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell introduced the new music teacher. She is a credentialed music teacher who is a specialist in elementary music. Music will begin Tuesday, March 12th.
- b. Someone asked why there isn't supervision at the upper gate. Mrs. Brazell responded and said the aides are inside with the kids where they are playing. They don't have the staff to have someone by gate.
- c. Mrs. Brazell noted that the safety committee is looking at what they can do. The district did put some of our requests on the list. They have asked for a rolling gate in the parking lot. It is on the list but not going to be changed next year. They may not be able to afford things right now but over time. They are putting together a 3-5 year plan. Her biggest job is to keep the kids safe. They are working and trying to make changes.
- d. Mrs. Brazell noted that The Foundation has paid for half of our counselors salary. Mrs. Brazell has paid for the other half out of her site funds. The districts 360 is coming from grants right now but grants dry up. To keep them going we have to have other funds. That is where building The Foundation will really help and can really make a difference.
- e. Mrs. Brazell noted it is conference week. She also said because of the rain there has been a little discipline. She believes that the kids are tired of being cooped up and not being outside.
- f. Mrs. Brazell noted that the next two months they are studying grit and perseverance. If the student recognition is on a rainy day parents will be

- told to go into their child's classroom and there will be an award ceremony in the classroom.
- g. Grace mentioned that the kids are watching tv during recess and lunch on rainy days. She asked if they can have free play instead. Mrs. Brazell said on rainy days lunch is shortened. They do not come to MPR for lunch in rain because of the structure of our school. The kids would be too wet if they came to the MPR.

7. **Raffle Drawing**- #16 Ben Abadian

Meeting Adjourned 9:27am