



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

Meeting Called to Order 8:18 am

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from Mar. 6 Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Ghazal Hafizi, 2nd: Lindsay Vaisman
- b. Treasurer's Report – Ghazal Hafizi
 - i. Checking: \$136,004.12
 - ii. Savings: \$368,665.28
 - iii. Reserves: \$262,119.82
- c. Hospitality Gratitude
 - i. Jason thanked Ghazal and Lanette.

2. Old Business

- a. 12th Annual Online Auction - Allyson Watson
 - i. Allyson noted the auction raised \$85,000. Allyson thanked everyone who helped. She noted it is a group effort and they couldn't raise that much money without everyone's help and all of the volunteers. She noted that the teachers are super supportive.
 - ii. Carrie noted that Allyson did an amazing job. Next year is her last year doing it so if there is anyone interested in doing it please let them know. Carrie said it is a very rewarding job but so much work and can't be done without everyone's help. Jason noted it is the second biggest fundraiser and he thanked Allyson. Carrie said Chaparral is known for our auction.
- b. West Valley Pantry Food Drive - Ben Abadian
 - i. Carrie talked on behalf of Ben. We collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and the food pantry is so appreciative. Carrie said we do a lot to raise money for Chaparral but it is fantastic to do something for other communities. Carrie and Jason thanked Ben for all his efforts.

3. New Business

- a. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. Jason spoke on behalf of Laura and Emily. He noted that the Rosti fundraiser that started Sunday is ending today, April 10th.
 - ii. There is a fundraiser on Wednesday, April 24th at Cricca's Subs and Cup & Cone Ice Cream. 15% of sales generated will be donated to Chaparral.
- b. Wellness Week - Maria Nicolacakis
 - i. Hoop It Up (Movapalooza)

1. Jason noted that instead of movapalooza this year there will be the Hoop It Up assembly. It is amazing the attention span the kids have with this one woman and the kids really enjoy it.
 - ii. Farmer's Market Jamboree - May 1
 1. Jen York noted the Farmer's Market Jamboree will be from 11-2. There will be live music from the Mama Bears, mini ponies, locally sourced organic produce, live student poetry created on typewriters, and crafts. Some teachers bring their classes so kids can bring \$5-\$10 in cash to buy produce that day. Jen said to look out for a sign up genius.
- c. Humanitarian Events - Ben Abadian
 - i. Clothing & Shoe Drive - April 24-May 1
 1. Jason spoke on behalf of Ben. Jason noted that we are supporting a local family rescue center. They are asking for children and infant clothing, childrens shoes, adult clothing and shoes, slightly used school backpacks, personal hygiene items, diapers, wipes, and formula. Ben will be collecting items in the carpool lane. It is another opportunity to support some of the less fortunate in the community.
- d. Yearbook/Cub Hugs Update - Tony Edwards
 - i. Toni noted the year books are being submitted tomorrow. She had so many more participants and people sending pictures this year and she thanked everyone. Jason thanked Tony for all her hard work.
- e. Variety Show 2019 - Meredith Sesser
 - i. Meredith noted there are only four more 5th grade rehearsals.
 - ii. The shows are Friday, June 7th 6-8:30 and Saturday, June 8th 4-6:30.
 - iii. Tickets for 5th grade only will go on sale May 20th at 9am for 24 hours. Tickets for Journey-4th will go on sale May 22nd at 9am for 24 hours. You can buy 4 tickets that first day. Tickets are \$35 for the front section and \$25 for the back. General tickets will be on sale May 24th. There are no refunds. Tickets will be sold on vendini.
 - iv. April 29th-May 12 people can purchase program messages on schoolpay for \$5.
 - v. On June 1st flowers, pictures, dvds and adult t-shirts will be on sale.
 - vi. Healthier snacks will be sold this year and there are no punch cards for the kids this year.
 - vii. The 5th graders will be in the black box the entire show and all other grades in the gym.
- f. PFC Meet and Greet - How Can I Get Involved? Breakfast and Meeting May 3
 - i. Carrie noted it is formerly known as the recruitment breakfast. They thought that sounded intimidating so have rebranded it to The PFC Meet and Greet-How Can I Get Involved? Breakfast and Meeting.

- ii. Carrie said they bring in food and have all of the information about the different committees. Please try to get friends to come and try to get people to sign up for committees.
- iii. In preparation for this Carrie and Grace are trying to figuring out next year. They need to see who is staying, going or if people want to switch committees. There are still a lot of great opportunities and they need strong leadership. Grace said she is still looking for a co president for the following year.
- iv. Jason noted it is a nice opportunity for people to get involved. Volunteers are the lifeblood for the PFC and we need new people coming in. Carrie said in the past there has been a history of people feeling like the PFC is exclusive and you need to be asked to take a position but she wants people to know that they are not like that. They are welcoming and accept and value any help. The May PFC meeting will follow the breakfast.

4. **Special Guest: The Foundation - Mark Madnick Vice President**

- a. Jason noted the foundation is like the PFC at the district. They raise money for the district. Jason noted that there is an unknown about The Foundation.
- b. Mark noted that the focus of The Foundation over the last couple of years has been on counseling and in making sure that the environment for the kids is really safe. Their mission statement is to sustain and implement programs to support our exceptional students through high-impact learning and innovative educational opportunities while providing a safe and nurturing environment for our students.
- c. The foundation funds go directly to the districts general fund and these are funds that can be used at the district level for all of the schools in the district. The district can fill the gaps between the programs that we want to have for our students and what the state actually provides. A lot of people aren't aware that our district receives less money per student than surrounding districts. The Foundation was created to fill the gap because we want to have great programs and the funds that we get from the state don't provide us with enough for that. Since its inception The Foundation has funded a number of initiatives including targeted class size reductions in primary schools, hiring mental health and wellness counselors, and adding sections of core high school classes.
- d. Much of the focus of The Foundation has been on mental health and wellness for the students. They believe that will lead to safer schools where students have the opportunity to thrive.
- e. They have a partnership with the Community 360 program. They have raised funds to increase the counselor student ratios across the district. Last month the district opened the Community 360 counseling center on the campus of A.E. Wright. The district worked hard to get grants from the Department of Justice that are funding the center. It is staffed with three full time counselors who are licensed therapists. In six weeks they have had 72 referrals from the district. It is currently funded by a two

year grant and they are working to expand it to a five year grant but they think they are going to need to continue to raise funds if they want to continue to sustain this program and programs like this.

- f. The foundation can use funds for credential teachers. It is the hope of The Foundation to raise sufficient funds and can actually alleviate some of the funding pressure for the PFC's. There are certain programs that the PFC shouldn't have to support every year like music and art.
- g. They are always looking for people to volunteer or participate.
- h. The Foundation has some incredible events like the carnival at the Whizin Center, the online auction, Bingo night and The Event.
- i. Jason noted that one of the issues that parents have when they think of The Foundation is that it is more a macro level and they think of their school as micro level. Parents want to give the money to the school that their kids go to. Jason said that eventually we all will be at the middle school and high school so making a donation to The Foundation is not a 1 to 1 donation for your school but it is a donation to the district and if the district is successful that means the schools are successful. The money being donated now is making the middle school a better place which means your kids will have a better middle school. The money you give to the PFC makes the school what it is that day and the money you give to The Foundation makes the school what it is in the future.

5. **Boys And Girls Club**

- a. Stephanie noted that Friday is a minimum day.
- b. They have limited time and staff for the Farmer's Market. Stephanie said if there are parent volunteers that want to help walk the kids up then they might be able to go. Grace said they can add it to the sign up genius.
- c. Stephanie mentioned that they have fun field trips for the summer, water play daily and half day rates.

6. **Principal's Report**

- a. Mrs. Brazell noted this past weekend she went with our superintendent and eight principals to lobby for schools in Sacramento. They lobbied to change the funding formula.
- b. There is also a bill for special education because we are underfunded. About twenty cents of every dollar of our general fund has to go to special education in our school district. There is a bill in the state of California where sometimes people argue that these are mandated laws from the federal government then the federal government should pay. She noted that no one disagrees but we still need to fund our schools.
- c. There is also a bill for mental health. All of these things can help our efforts if we are also supporting The Foundation. If a bill comes for mental health and now there is additional money for mental health counselors that don't have to be grant funded that would free up The Foundation to raise money for other things like class size reduction.

- d. Mrs. Brazell wants everyone to understand the district is trying to their best with the money they have. She encourages people to get involved with The Foundation. There are a lot of thing that can be done to make our schools even better.
- e. Mrs. Brazell noted they are also lobbying for local control. She believes that everything should not be restricted. At a training she attended a high school principal from Fontana said they are 85% free and reduced lunches and have a budget of three million dollars. They can't spend the money and the money is restricted. Mrs. Brazell noted it is a good thing that schools like that get the funds but said they are asking for local control. They met with Henry Stearn, Jessy Gabriel, and Jacqui Irwin.
- f. Mrs. Brazell noted that we should encourage people to enroll in school. Enrollment seems to be a little slow.
- g. Mrs. Brazell noted there is a lot going on in May. They will be having the volunteer breakfast that the teachers love to do for everyone. The PFC has payed for an assembly for the kids that day so the teachers can stay longer and visit with parents.

7. **Raffle Drawing #1** Ghazal Hafizi

Meeting Adjourned 9:34 am