



Chaparral Elementary Faculty Club Meeting Minutes February 5, 2020

Meeting Called to Order 8:15am

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from Jan. 8 Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Allyson Watson, 2nd: Ghazal Hafizi
- b. Treasurer's Report – Ghazal Hafizi
 - i. Checking: \$141,841.57
 - ii. Savings: \$100,013.89
 - iii. Reserves: \$490,289.84
- c. Hospitality Acknowledgement
 - i. Grace thanked Shani and Shirra.

2. BGC CEO Dr. Naone

- a. Dr. Naone thanked us for having them on campus. This is their largest club and she has heard that we are bursting at the seams. They have 15-17 staff members for Chaparral. They want to give the college kids opportunities and experience but then they finish college and go on to other jobs so they are always looking for staff.
- b. Dr. Naone noted that there has been a request for a building for BGC at Chaparral. She would like to figure out how to accomplish that. She has talked to Karen Kimmel and Dan Stepenosky about it.
- c. Dr. Naone asked for ideas about what we would do for the year while a structure was being built. 77% of the kids at Chaparral go to the BGC so they could not afford to be closed for a year during construction. Someone suggested using AC Stelle or Calabasas as an alternative space during that time.
- d. Dr. Naone noted that they are a million dollars into fundraising for this location but still need to raise another

two million dollars. She said they would ask for ideas on how to raise money.

- e. Dr. Naone said the majority of their donations come from Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks. They haven't tapped into Calabasas at all.
- f. Grace thanked Dr. Naone and said Stephanie has been a great partner with our school and has done a great job communicating with us. Grace suggested that as they are evaluating what they are doing and working with the district they should also consider the field and potential shade on the lower yard.
- g. Stephanie noted that we have talked about a need for a parking lot on the lower yard.
- h. Mrs. Brazell noted that it is important to her, her staff and the parents that they work together with BGC. They allow BGC to have enrichments in the teachers classes. Mrs. Brazell said she doesn't know if she has ever seen a school that works together in a partnership as much as we do. It is a wonderful program, Stephanie works really hard and they work together.

3. New Business

- a. Family Hoedown – Jessica Larson & Julia Santiago
 - i. Jessica and Julia were unable to attend the meeting so Grace spoke on their behalf.
 - ii. Grace noted that the tickets are now raised to \$75. They extended invitations to teachers and will cover the cost of a teacher and child if they would like to attend.
 - iii. Grace noted that it will be catered by Rib Ranch. H2H is going to be the DJ and will be leading activities. They have all sorts of fun things planned.
- b. Yearbook Update – Toni Edwards
 - i. Toni was unable to attend the meeting so Grace spoke on her behalf.
 - ii. Grace noted that yearbooks are on sale on schoolpay. The soft bound covers are \$35 and hard bound are \$45. They will be gradually increasing in price so it is better to buy them now.
- c. 13th Annual Online Auction – Allyson Watson

- i. Allyson noted that they can always use more restaurant donations and that they are a little low on sports tickets. They did get Dodger tickets but could use football tickets if anyone has any connections.
 - ii. Allyson noted that they have to have parties in by February 20th because they have to put them in the computer and then have to get them back to people to approve that all of the information is correct. Currently they only have four parties.
 - iii. Allyson asked that people help get the word out that the auction is starting soon. This year the auction starts at 7pm Sunday, February 23rd instead of 7am Monday morning.
 - iv. Grace noted that people should talk to Allyson if you have party ideas. The parties are always such a good seller and a fun way to meet new people in the community. They are going to do some Chaparral PFC parties.
 - d. Community Outreach Fundraising – Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. Emily noted that there is a Fresh Brothers fundraiser today.
 - ii. On Saturday Feb. 22nd there is The Stand Pancake Breakfast from 8am-11am. Tickets are \$14. Kid 3 and under do not need a ticket. You can buy at the door this year but they could sell out so try to buy ahead of time. Last year a lot of people attended and it made a lot of money.

4. Old Business

- a. Community Outreach Fundraising - Laura Berlant & Emily Stearn
 - i. There was a January fundraiser at Sharkey's and they are waiting for the numbers.

5. Measure V Bond Update – Grace Fisher, Felice Becker, and Fawn Binford

- a. Felice thanked everyone who came to the phone banking. She said Measure V is the only bond that will bring in money for our schools.
- b. Felice noted that the hardest thing is going to be getting people out to vote. She said the parents in our district don't have a great turn out record for voting for things.
- c. Felice noted that some of the places you can vote this year are AC Stelle, the District Office, Calabasas Swim and Tennis

Club, Calabasas Senior Center, and the Calabasas/Agoura Community Center.

- d. Felice brought postcards if anyone wants to bring them home and fill them out or have their kids fill them out. People can write something as simple as “Please support our school.” The postcards can be turned into the PFC box in the office. Felice also has flyers and lawn signs.
- e. Grace said a lot of it is to educate people. She said people should ask people and neighbors if they have heard of it and tell people that they should support it. Grace said they can put in the Cub Corner where and the dates people will be able to vote.
- f. Grace thanked Felice for all of her work.

6. Principal’s Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell noted that they had a staff development day where teachers wanted to work on mathematics and literacy. Mrs. Lampert noted that the leadership team and some teachers went to hear Jo Bowler speak. Jo Bowler is a researcher and professor at Stanford University. They participated in a math activity that was very challenging. There were about 200 teachers in the room and 200 different ways to do it. They brought that back to the staff and the staff did a similar type of activity. Then the teachers brought that back to their classrooms.
- b. Mrs. Brazell said that students will be taking assessments soon to get ready for conferences. There are optional conferences for two days in the first week of March. If a student is struggling the teacher will contact the parents for a conference. If parents would like a conference they always have the right to ask for one.
- c. Mrs. Brazell noted that new signs are being put up. She said new umbrellas are being put up thanks to the PFC. They are working on a slight remodel (more of a facelift) of the library. They are working with the district librarians.

- d. Mrs. Brazell talked about the Great Kindness Challenge. They started a little last year but made it official this year. Every year they will grow with it and it was a great experience. She received an email from a parent saying it made a difference in their household.
- e. Mrs. Brazell noted that the new character trait this month is empathy and acceptance.
- f. Mrs. Brazell said she talked to the kids about making valentines cards from recyclable materials.
- g. Mrs. Brazell noted that the money from the bond will go towards facilities. Now anything regarding facilities comes out of the general fund. Right now we have a plumbing issue. The school is close to sixty years old so there are old pipes. To fix that money would have to come out of the general fund. That is why the bond will make a huge difference.

7. Raffle Drawing #5 Arin Weissmann

Meeting Adjourned 8:58am