



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes June 4, 2020

Meeting Via Zoom Called to Order 3:02pm

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from April Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Lindsay Vaisman, 2nd: Julie Berkus
- b. Treasurer's Report – Kerri Wilgus
 - i. Checking: \$68,970.48
 - ii. Savings: \$100,026.52
 - iii. Reserves: \$459,430.01

2. Old Business

- a. Staff Appreciation Week
 - i. Carrie noted that staff appreciation week was different than it normally is. They had many constraints because of Covid. They sent every staff member a \$10 starbucks e gift card. Room parents sent an email to have kids send drawings, pictures, and letters to the teachers. Mrs. Lampert thanked everyone and said the teachers and staff felt very appreciated. Carrie thanked Mrs. Lampert and said she is always there to implement things and said she is really appreciative of everything she does and continues to do. Carrie said to work with Donna is a blessing. She runs the school. She knows and can do everything.
- b. Auction
 - i. Carrie noted the auction closed right as things were going bad. Some people have not picked up items yet. Carrie said that people will be able to pick up items in front of the PFC office tomorrow and next Wednesday. Some auction parties will be a zoom or a socially distant party. Some auction hosts came up with parties and some cancelled. An email was sent out saying which parties were cancelled or rescheduled. In the letter they said they would love it if they can treat the party cost as a donation but they are also happy to give refunds. She said the auction parties are always such a great community builder for the school and they are sad they didn't

- happen. Teachers for a day and lunch with the teacher will occur next year.
- ii. Carrie said for those of you who don't know Allyson moved back to Kentucky. Carrie and Michelle Freedman will be finishing up everything dealing with auction this year.
- c. Variety Show
- i. Carrie said Dee Dee was amazing. She doesn't know if everyone knows how much work goes into the Variety Show. Carrie said it was going to be an amazing show and they are sad it couldn't happen.
 - ii. Dee Dee said how much she appreciated the entire community as they made decisions about cancelling. She acknowledged everyone who helped.
- d. Community Outreach
- i. Laura and Emily couldn't be at the meeting so Carrie spoke on their behalf. They pulled off a virtual fundraiser at Dog Haus.

3. New Business

- a. School Supplies 2020-21
- i. Grace said people can order school supplies with School Kidz. The supplies will be shipped directly to the school this year.
- b. Yearbook
- i. Carrie thanked Toni who worked tirelessly on the yearbook. There were no more events to take pictures of so she had to improvise. There was a delay in the printing because of Covid so they won't be here until mid June. They will let everyone know about picking them up.
 - ii. Toni thanked Kendra for helping. She appreciates everyone's support. Many teachers created albums for her to use.
- c. Parent Square
- i. Grace said next year we are going to be using a new platform that is going to consolidate our directory, sign ups, and payments. Everything will be integrated into this one program. It is also connected to Aeris. It is going to be a communication tool that parents, the school and teachers can use. There is an app to download for your phone and a website. It will be customized and you can decide how you want information sent to you. It will lead to savings with credit card processing fees.
- d. The Foundation

- i. Felice noted that The Foundation had to cancel some fun events that were coming up. They are looking to do some events during the summer to raise money for the district.
- ii. Felice also gave an update that the assembly and the senate already agreed on the budget that asks for full funding for the schools. We should contact the governor's office. She noted it only took her a few minutes to place the call and she encouraged everyone to call.

4. Transitioning

- a. Recognition of PFC Members leaving Chaparral
 - i. Carrie thanked the 5th grade parents. She noted that they have all been role models and have done amazing things for the school. She individually thanked everyone at the meeting.
- b. Recognition of 2019-20 Executive Board and Committee Chairs/Coordinators
 - i. Carrie said it has been a pleasure to work with everyone. She couldn't do it without everyone and appreciates every ounce of effort that everyone puts in.
- c. Principal/Co-Presidents Gratitude
 - i. Carrie thanked Mrs. Brazell. She noted that the line of communications is always open and it has been wonderful working with her. Grace said it's been an incredible learning experience and she is grateful and appreciative of everything Mrs. Brazell does for the school.
 - ii. Carrie thanked Grace and said she is an incredible person. She said that Grace is dedicated, has a heart of gold, wants everything to be right in the world and does not take no for an answer.
 - iii. Carrie thanked Julie and Lindsay for stepping up to be co-presidents next year.
 - iv. Grace thanked Carrie and said it has been a pleasure to work with her and learn from her. Carrie has agreed to stay on for a few months next year since Julie and Lindsay are still doing the Donor Drive next year. Grace welcomed Julie and Lindsay. She hopes that sometime next year things will be back to normal.
- d. Election and Installation of 2020-21 Officers
 - i. Grace displayed the slate of candidates for the Executive Board for 2020-2021. A vote was taken and 85% of people in the zoom meeting voted all in support of the slate of candidates so they were approved.

2020-21 Executive Board Candidates

- **Co-President (2)** Grace Fisher, Carrie Slatoff
- **President Elect (1)** Julie Berkus/Lindsay Vaisman
- **Recording Secretary (1)** Amanda Madnick
- **Treasurer (1)** Kerri Wilgus
- **Financial Secretary (1)** Tamana Kazemi
- **VP Annual Online Auction (1-2)** Michelle Freedman + (Open)
- **VP Communications (2)** Esther Azal (Web site) + Melyssa Peters (Digital Cub Corner)
- **VP Community Outreach (2)** Emily Stearn + (Open)
- **VP Donor Drive (2)** Julie Berkus & Lindsay Vaisman + (Nina Silver and Andrea Feurstein to take over once DD ends this fall)
- **VP Fall Festival (2)** Desiree Terian & Miranda Fitzgerald
- **VP Room Parents (1-2)** Kim Becker + Ghazal Hafizi
- **VP Sponsorship (1)** Jen York
- **VP Variety Show (1-2)** Desiree Terian & Miranda Fitzgerald
- **VP Cubs Committee (2)** Sybil Berman & Felice Becker

e. Presentation of 2020-21 Committee Chairs/Coordinators

- i. Grace presented the Committee Chairs/Coordinators for next year. She thanked everyone for stepping up and volunteering.

f. Presentation and Approval of 2020-21 Budget

- i. Grace shared the budget. She asked everyone to please keep in mind that it will probably change several more times. They have to act with the information that they currently have in hand. This was approved by the executive board. The City of Calabasas cut their donation 100%.
- ii. 78% of people in the zoom meeting voted on the budget. 89% voted to approve, 11% voted against. Since there was a majority the budget was approved.

5. Principal's Report

- a. Mrs. Brazell said so many people are going through a tough time. We see things in our country and we worry about our children and families. Being unified, we don't have to agree and we don't always have to be on the same page, but when push comes to

shove we work together. That is what makes Chaparral special and she wants to thank all of us. She said to never give up.

- b. Mrs. Brazell said that unfortunately the majority of our classified staff has been laid off. This is district wide. There are two factors that contributed. One is covid and the other is the budget crisis. Right now 15 billion dollars is being proposed to be reduced from the schools in California. According to ed code, which is state law, they have to give people 60 days notice. The 60 days begins when the school board votes they have to do the layoffs. They are also planning on laying off teachers. They might lay off 26 teachers in elementary and secondary schools. She had a meeting with the people who were notified. The State Assembly does not agree with the cuts to education and they put together their own budget that did not have as many cuts. Mrs. Brazell said the campus supervisors, instructional aids, cafeteria staff, office assistant, and specialized staff were laid off. The hope and the goal is that everyone is brought back. They need our help advocating for school funding. Right now the district is trying to be fiscally responsible.
- c. Mrs. Brazell noted that so far school is starting August 19th. She is going to a study session meeting with the school board today. It is the committees who are planning what school will look like in August. At the moment if things remain as they are today there will probably be options for parents. For people who are still not comfortable sending their kids to school there will be distance learning. For parents who want to send their kids to school there will be an option for that following the guidelines that were recommended. They have to have smaller numbers. They can't have an entire class together. It may be a hybrid where you go to school a couple days and then have distance learning. They are working on child care. As soon as things are decided we will be notified. Everything depends on keeping everyone healthy.
- d. Mrs. Brazell noted that any distance learning will look very different than it did this year. She has encouraged the teachers to make changes every week. Dr. Stepenosky decided to jump into distance learning and only gave the teachers a few days to prepare. Hopefully we can adjust and learn from this. It was

important to her that the teachers make connections, especially at the end of the year, so they did individual or small group conferences with the kids. They had a drive up to get materials for each grade. She thanked the PFC, 5th grade coordinators and room parents for helping with the 5th grade drive up that is happening on Monday. They have a dj and will be getting certificates.

- e. Mrs. Brazell thanked all of the 5th grade parents who she has worked with for so many years. She said they are truly a unified community and they will always be in her heart. Mrs. Brazell thanked Carrie and Grace. She said it has been a tough but a good year. In general they worked together and figured everything out.
- f. Mrs. Lampert said they stand with the staff. Art, music, and PE will continue whether we have specialists or not. The teachers will continue to teach those subjects. Everyone can keep the acers over the summer and return library books to school. She is working on a document for the summer that lists a bunch of things that our school and the district have available.
- g. Donna is so touched by all of the parents who reached out to see how she is doing. For those of you who don't have younger kids she hopes they will come back and say hi when it is safe.

Meeting Adjourned 4:48 pm