



Chaparral Parent Faculty Club Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

Meeting Via Zoom Called to Order 8:17am

1. General Business

- a. Approval of Minutes (from December Meeting)
 - i. 1st: Felice Becker, 2nd: Stacy Dishlip
- b. Treasurer's Report - Kerri Wilgus
 - i. Checking: \$140,069.55
 - ii. Savings: \$60,032.01
 - iii. Reserves: \$497,771.93

2. Old Business

- a. Read A Thon - Grace Fisher
 - i. Grace thanked everyone who participated in the Read A Thon. Students read a total of 99,000 minutes in two weeks and raised \$30,000. It was an easy fundraiser and it focused on something healthy for our kids to do which is read. Chaparral raised 75% of the \$30,000 which is \$22,502.11.
 - ii. The prizes have been delivered to Chaparral and each teacher has the prizes for the class. Grace would like the room parents to sort the kids items so the teachers don't have to. Maybe at the next material pickup they can be distributed.
- b. Holiday Food Drive/West Valley Food Bank Fundraiser -Jodi Dalyai
 - i. Jodi stated that we raised \$390. She thinks that we didn't raise a lot because it was the same time as the Read A Thon.
 - ii. She is brainstorming ideas for us to support a local cause and is open to suggestions. She wants the kids to be able to participate.
 - iii. Michelle suggested that during a material pick up we can have a food drop off area.
- c. Plan to replace Trees & Turf and Tree addition

- i. Grace noted that we were able to get some new trees over the holiday break. The district had to remove some trees because of the roots. The PFC replaced the trees and put in new turf. Additional trees were also added to the upper yard. Grace said the trees add shade and beautify the school.
 - ii. Grace thanked Felice with helping with this project.
- d. Community Fundraising - Emily Stearn
 - i. Emily was unable to attend the meeting. There are no new restaurant days planned right now.

3. New Business

- a. Community Fundraising - Emily Stearn
 - i. Emily was unable to attend the meeting. Grace told everyone to keep shopping at Ralphs and link your amazon account to Chaparral.
- b. Variety Show
 - i. Lindsay noted that as of right now nothing for the variety show can be planned. If they don't start planning now it probably can't happen at all. They have been brainstorming some video options. Julie noted that due to safety concerns we cannot use the performing arts center and people cannot get together. Hopefully if they get the ok they can do something on a smaller level. There is talk of even making it just a 5th grade event.
- c. Yearbook - Shirra Hever
 - i. Shirra was unable to attend the meeting so Grace spoke for her. Grace noted that Shirra has some links up to have photos submitted. She has created google photo links. It is up to parents to send photographs in.
- d. Track Plans for Upper Yard
 - i. Grace noted that the executive board approved to put in a track on the upper level field. Now it is in the hands of the facility committee of the district. If they approve it we want to put it in this year.
- e. Online Auction - Michelle Freedman
 - i. Michelle stated that they are moving along but it will not be as big as years past. The auction dates are March 7-14.
 - ii. Miche noted that she needs help with inputting and soliciting auction items. She needs people to call restaurants

and stores to donate gift certificates. She needs people to call any place that is open and operating.

- iii. There is an auction meeting next Monday at 3:30 if anyone is interested in helping.
- iv. Grace noted it is normally the second biggest fundraiser of the year. People all over the country can bid on items. The most popular items are Chaparral parties which will look very different this year. Michele is compiling a list of ideas for online parties.
- v. Grace thanked Michelle for her hard work and said we have to be flexible and creative.
- f. Recruitment for PFC
 - i. Julie noted that we are getting to the point of the year where we talk about what the PFC will look like next year. If there is something you are interested in they would love to hear from you. If you are a current board member and want to continue please reach out and let them know.
- g. Steam Teacher Update
 - i. Mrs. Brazell noted that they had 8 applicants. By the time they interviewed they only had a couple. They are reposting for the position. Some of the applications were way out of the area and she needs someone who will be able to come in person when we come back to school. They will like to hire someone by the end of the year so they can move forward in September.
- h. Grant
 - i. Grace noted that the district said we might be able to qualify for a covid relief grant. She applied and we might be eligible for \$15,000.
 - ii. Grace noted that some other elementary schools are offering enrichments. They are looking into posting some optional classes if parents are looking for things for their kids to do after school. It would be a fundraiser for the PFC.

4. B&G Club - Jasmine Townsend

- a. Jasmine was unable to attend the meeting because they are so busy. Grace noted that Boys and Girls Club is currently open.

5. Principal's Report - Mrs. Brazell

- a. Mrs. Brazell noted that this has been really hard for the teachers, parents, the district and kids. The last thing they wanted to do was close the schools. Many parents had concerns about when people traveled. Things change all the time.
- b. Mrs. Brazell noted that the kids are our focus. Teachers were scared to come to school but they showed up for the kids. She has the big picture for Chaparral and Dr. Stepenosky does for the district. LA County has the big picture for the county and that is why they suggested schools close.
- c. Mrs. Brazell noted that it was seamless to go back to distant learning.
- d. Mrs. Brazell noted that families can only do so much. She doesn't want anyone stressed out or overwhelmed. You have to do the best you can. They will keep adjusting and changing.
- e. Mrs. Brazell noted that their goal is to go back in person February 1st but that is up to the LA county Department of Health. They don't want to put anyone's health at risk.
- f. Mrs. Brazell said the biggest question she gets is why isn't the entire class quarantining if a students' parents are positive. LA County has decided that it is only if the student is positive.
- g. Mrs. Brazell wants to encourage everyone that if you are dealing with covid to send them an email and let them know what is happening in your lives. It is always confidential. Mrs. Brazell is most worried about mental health but after that she is worried about the stigma. Nobody should ever be made to feel bad if they get sick.
- h. Mrs. Brazell still believes school is a safe place. None of the cases in our entire district seemed to be connected. She wants us to be unified and keep working together.
- i. Dr. Stepenosky is working hard to try to get vaccinations for all of the staff members. That will help them move forward.
- j. Mrs. Brazell said the school nurses recommendation is to test your kids if parents are positive. They cannot tell people if parents are positive.
- k. Mrs. Brazell said it is so important to have your kids read. She suggested making family reading time where you all read together.

6. Meeting Adjourned 9:27am

