

## Combined PTA/SCC Meeting Minutes March 4, 2022

In attendance: Ms. Jack, Heidi Hansen, Rebecca Schaefer, Rosa Tecalco, Norma Reyes, Sarah Wright, Ms. Diotaiuti

### SCC

- Ms. Jack gave an update on Land Trust and TSSA. This year, money was used to fund instructional coaches, who lead Walk to Read and collaborated with teachers in PLC's, leading to gains in Science (+12.8%), Language (+3.8%), and Math (+3.7%). Coaches have also been working with ELL's in Walk to Read. It was proposed that funds continue to be used for coaches and class size reduction next year, with the goal of continued increases in test scores (Science 4%, Math 5%, and Language 7%). The proposed plan for next year was approved.
- Ms. Jack asked for ideas to help continue providing incentives that students can earn with scans. Some ideas were snacks at Field Day, privileges and non-tangible rewards in class, choosing music to play during lunch, karaoke party, and STEAM experiences. Mrs. Jack asked if anyone had business connections that might help fund the school store. Rebecca suggested we look into the Adopt-a-School partnerships recently announced by the governor.
- We need to continue to follow-up on advertising for our school. Rebecca will follow-up with Ms. Johansen on moving the banner from in front of the school to the fence by Redwood Rd.
- The piano lab is close to being ready. We are currently working on approval and training for the app that will be used as a teaching resource.
- We need to check with Mrs. Johansen for an estimate of the number of children expected to potentially reach 1.5 times yearly progress this year so we can estimate the number of shirts needed for this. Also, we need to come up with a theme for these shirts and begin the ordering process.
- The Art Festival has evolved to classroom activities, fun stations in the hallways, and group art projects in common spaces like the library and gym. PTA no longer needs to sponsor a corresponding writing contest.
- There was a great deal of discussion about the Safe Walking route and whether it poses undue burden on those wishing to cross our Redwood Rd. exit on foot. Many ideas were discussed, but unfortunately there were

reasons against each that made them impossible to implement. Ms Johansen will continue to discuss this with any concerned patrons individually.

## PTA

- Next year's Board nominations are needed soon. Election must be completed by 3/31/22. Heidi is willing to continue an extended term as President and Lisa is willing to continue as Treasurer if no other candidates are found. Sarah is interested in serving as Secretary. Rebecca will make a sign-up sheet for possible interest in the Board and have it available at The Art Festival. If we have interest, Heidi will phone interested individuals to provide additional information and gauge willingness to serve. When we have candidates, we will create a SurveyMonkey and attach it to a Skylert email so the school can vote.
- Jenny created a beautiful Tshirt design for Spirit Shirts. We have found a printer and will send home order forms home 3/9, to be returned by 3/17. We have sample shirts available and will hang them in the hallway across from the office, and be available to take orders during the Art Festival. Jenny will help us track orders on a spreadsheet and collect money for us.
- We will wait until next year to do a big fundraiser. The money from the Penny War was enough along with our budget carryover to see us through this year.
- Panda Express Spirit had good participation, but only yielded about \$50. It is unclear whether that is due to limited participation because of food type, or poor awareness and confusion on the part of Panda Express. Before abandoning Spirit Nights in general, we want to try In-N-Out or McDonald's. Jenny suggested a good way to increase participation is to have a drawing for a prize at the location of the Spirit Night.
- We need to figure out who would like to be part of a PTA group text.
- We decided against a mascot costume since we have our mascot ride-on.
- We discussed food for teachers for the upcoming PT conferences. Norma will make cheese pupusas and pork w/bean pupusas and lemon water. Rosa will make Horchata. Rebecca will make fruit kabobs and supply cookies, napkins, utensils, plates, napkins, cups, and a few water bottles for those who can't do fruit.
- We discussed the upcoming Field Day. It will take place June 1, 2022.
- We did not get approval for evening meetings, as they are a scheduling conflict for teachers and administration. We can revisit the idea next year.

- The meeting was dismissed.