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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

**PTO Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
6:00 pm Washington School Library**

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Paskin
Anna Stump
Tara King
Vanessa Campos
Shannon Schroeder
Anne-Marie Matthews
Dustin Todd
Lilia Hine
Kelly Milazzo
Matt Genovese
Kim Kotnik
Elizabeth Wagner
Cari Menchaca
Jamie Crystal
Kristie Chapman

Staff Members in Attendance:

Christina Giguere
Meredith Llewellyn
Karen Slotnick-Lastrico

Parents in Attendance:

Kim Eubank
Timothy Lee
Linette Padilla Lee
Holly Parker

Others in Attendance:

Katie Lesh, Farm Cart Organics

Michael Paskin called the meeting to order 6:02pm.

1. Katie Lesh, Farm Cart Organics / School Food Cart

Based in Carpinteria, subscription based weekly all-organic produce boxes to be delivered to subscribers at school. Boxes are \$25 and PTO gets \$3 from each box. They handle all communications with subscribers. Add-on items available, for which PTO gets 15% back. Reusable boxes, which will need to be collapsed / organized by someone at school. Holly Parker volunteered. Katie will provide additional info and flyers to Holly, who will send to PTO for review.

2. Michael Paskin, PTO President

Reminder to respond to PTO emails to contribute to monthly meaningful discussions. We need everyone's' perspectives and feedback.

3. Christina Giguere, Principal

Great Shake-Out and Crisis Go info has gone out to parents. Shake-Out is Thursday and it is an earthquake simulation / evacuation, full-scale disaster drill. Crisis Go is a new app designed to notify staff and parents of disasters, and it works offline. Washington has not been fully trained yet so usage on Thursday will be minimal, 5th and 6th grade teachers only. When it is fully functional will streamline emergency procedures.



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New lead curriculum specialist Maria Miller, facilitating scheduling of other Curriculum Specialists and formulating reading groups, assisting playground supervision, etc. District is funding and sending two of our Curriculum Specialists to a training for Leveled Literacy Intervention.

Thank you Shannon Schroeder and Megan Bright for heading up One School, One Book, great launch.

School Board meeting last week was a board report regarding GATE. NO foreseeable changes to GATE program in district (screening, magnet program, etc.). There should be district advisory committee, but no word on formation.

Thank you Elizabeth Wagner and other parents for sprucing up the upper playground and blacktop.

Appreciation for lots of donations of prizes for students and items for staff lounge.

ELAC: 30+ parents came to first meeting and expressed interest in getting more involved with program. District is working on multi-lingual pathways by committee, and is considering dual-language immersion program in the future.

School Site Council: 10/28 first meeting, everyone welcome. Along with Mrs. Giguere, 4 parents, 2 teachers and 1 staff member are on the council, which is designed to brainstorm best uses of time and resources.

Vaping awareness: 10/29 Washington hosting vaping dangers awareness night for all schools. School Board report at next meeting specifically about vaping.

Concerns expressed by a parent about parking lot safety and vaping on campus (adult).

Congratulations to several staff members: Mr. Camarillo had new baby girl, is on paternity leave. Custodian Daniel expecting first baby in November. Ms. Emily expecting third baby in the spring.

New fence coming along Shoreline Dr.

Kelly Milazzo requested help with permanently parked vehicle on Shoreline. Officer Lazarus called in for welfare check on owner / inhabitant. Signs re: parking regulations are posted. Suggestion to create drop-off point on Shoreline. Would have to go to city for that, likely would be denied. Concern expressed about water running down Shoreline consistently on the weekends. Needs to be investigated. Irrigation issues need to be addressed.

Is 6th Grade camp happening? Ongoing negotiation between teachers and district. What's offered, who pays, who's compensated? In talks. ELCAP funds, Washington getting \$14k for 6th grade trips, possible to redirect funds to 6th camp in future. Replaced by "special" field trips. Let Mrs. Giguere handle with the district; parents asked not to intervene.

4. Anna Stump, PTO Vice President

Thanks again to Shannon and Megan One School, One Book. Let the board know if assistance is needed. Monday launch went great, volunteer spots are filled, we'll go week by week. GALA committee moved event to February. Will need assistance with auction items, around \$500 range. Looking to raise \$30k net. Move-a-thon, need to find a lead, ideas to streamline process and make it less labor-intensive. March 13th. Big thanks to Kelly and Lilia for Pride campaign.



5. Shannon Schroeder, Communications

Thanks everyone for help with OSOB. Lots of volunteer-of-the-week suggestions coming in, keep them coming. Thank you Kim Eubank for taking on marquee updating.

6. Tara King, Treasurer

No major update, just under \$200k in bank. Waiting for SBUSD bill. Axxess, sold over 1000 books, \$13k for PTO. Thank you Kristie Chapman for coordinating. Need help putting up "Community" tiles. 13 tile sponsors.

7. Kim Eubank, Party Book

Next up Halloween party 10/30 at La Mesa Park. Tickets on sale now.
Casino Royale 11/15 Poker night at O'Malley's. Hoping to raise \$8-\$10k.
Ugly Sweater Party Friday 12/6
Jingle Jog tentatively scheduled for 12/14, free community-building event
Coming up: Painted Cabernet will do a kids' painting party, Mother-Daughter Tea, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son event, Wildcats at the Wildcat. New hosts always welcome. Lilia says ELAC families are interested in doing something like tamale sales, something celebrating Hispanic holidays. Possibly do a holiday bazaar / marketplace in the future? Camping again this year?

8. Dustin Todd, IT Chair

Working on Party Book stuff online. Comments that website looks great, particularly OSOB items. He will look at marquee to try to sort out malfunctions. Please make requests for changes in timely fashion (Tuesday for Thursday publications). Suggestion to put every Party Book event online now, even if details are minimal.

9. Business Booster: Elizabeth Wagner questions how to further promote? Via Instagram? Facebook page is PTO backed, so could use that. No PTO Instagram, but school Instagram. Boost via our website, possibly rolling banner at top or bottom.

10. Open Discussion

Can we paint new curb by art room? It is a trip hazard.
Back to Move-a-thon...important to identify committee, also to talk about its future. A lot of volunteer hours required leading up to event. Do we continue? Or look at less demanding option? Stay with Move-a-thon, maybe use what we have (jungle gyms, etc.). Kim, Anna, Kristie, Anne-Marie will work on MAT. 3/13. Walking on Sunshine theme suggested. Maybe get kids involved with theme / t-shirt design? Students vote? Student council could help?

Business Boosters, Matt Genovese indicated some issues with logo file formats, Matt & Michael will work it out.

Meeting Adjourned 8:03

Next Meeting: 11/19/19, 6-8pm, Washington School Library