

Horizon Elementary PTA Board Meeting

January 7th, 2016

Call to Order: 6:08pm.

Approval of Minutes: Review of minutes from September through November. Motion to approve.

Approval of Budget: See budget review.

Teacher's Report:

- Nothing formal to request from the staff.
- One thing that wanted to be asked was regarding the Facebook account and parents are concerned that they have to be approved to join the group. Clarification was made that in the circumstance with an "open group" it was not functioning properly, but with the closed group and having to be approved, everything functions as planned and intended.
- The staff is proposing and asking for PTA support to purchase a traverse wall instead of the explorer dome. The wall will go in the gym and will benefit all students; it will be focused on strength. This will replace a current piece of equipment that requires multiple adults to open and is only being utilized 3-4 times per year. Cost is \$13,500 (covers installation, all mats, all hand holds, shipping, etc.). This is cheaper and more feasible and allows more access than the explorer dome.
 - Questions: Is this truly as beneficial in the long term than the explorer dome for the community at large rather than just the school students?
 - Option could be to have families purchase brass donation plates that help supplement costs. Proposal is that the Walk-A-Thon be used to specifically raise funds for this piece of equipment and we will supplement the shortage.

Principal's Report:

- Success Night has been scheduled for March 24th. Perhaps have a General Membership Meeting with a proposal of the Traverse Wall.
- Maintaining focus in particular with K-4 literacy. Horizon is K thru 6 IRLA (reading program). There is a negative light in the community about Horizon. There is a feeling of a mixed message of the green success banner and the letters that had to go home about students who did not pass SBA.
- Our PTA is our parent representation of our school community. A reminder that parking lot conversations are not helping the "image" of Horizon be maintained in a positive light.
- Very proud of our coding, Pokemon, chess and starting a STEM club. Let's just make sure that our key pieces are done well.
- Reaching out to ensure that the PTA knows that Mr. Erdly is here to support.

Old Business:

- Audit is in process now due to being out of compliance from previous year. It will be completed and everything will be updated.
- Approval was made for \$2,029 to Pacific Science Center Assembly. Concern is expressed about how these funds are being allocated equally among all the grade levels. Suggestions are looking at separating the budget to provide for primary and secondary assemblies to ensure that the funds are used equally and for the benefit of all.

New Business:

- Pool Party has been pushed to February 6th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. They do not support the Pool Party during the school week. We had budgeted for 60 kids last year, which was far too conservative. This year we allotted for 150 students with a cost \$380. This does not include food.
- IMPORTANT DATES SET:
 - Movie Night: January 29th @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Science Fair: March 24th integrated with the Success Night. Classrooms and the library will be used to display the projects and families can visit during the success night rotations
 - Dance: April 15th @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm
 - Variety Show: May??
 - BOGO Book Fair: May
 - Carnival: June 9th
- Changes to the PTA Board: Corinne Cronk has resigned and we will not refill the position and Tomme Long will continue. One Board Member may be moving before year's end.
- We need to focus on making sure that we nominate a new Board in plenty of time and get more members involved to ensure our Board remains strong.
- Bully Campaign: We will not have the funds.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm.