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NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

PTA General Meeting – January 28, 2015

6:30pm in the MPR

Attendance – see sign in sheet

Recorder: Amy Girguis

Welcome: Bevin welcomed everyone – Mariam from the cafeteria hosted a tasting; parents all walking through the cafeteria line to get food samples prior to the official start of the meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:45

Welcome: (Bevin) –Susanna Law has stepped down as PTA president and the Board has appointed Bevin Aschenmiller who has agreed to take her place.

Approval of minutes: There was a suggestion to email out the minutes to the membership prior to the next meeting so those who are not present can remain aware of what is happening; this plan to be implemented before the March meeting. Ruby Lee moved to approve minutes for the November meeting; Kelly Nelson seconded. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report: (Ms. Ponce, assistant principal reporting): interim assessments coming up for students in language and math. There are handouts with tips for improving performance provided. School report card is available. Surveys are not completely accurate: it appears that participation numbers are low, but this is known not to be the case.

Teachers Report (Ms. Oliva reporting):

- SBACT testing (Smarter Balance) coming Mar 4 – June 4. Stress test on 2/19 to assess our technology infrastructure to determine how that might affect the actual testing. All available computers will be used at the same time to judge effect.
- Parents conferences Mar 2-6 with early dismissal for students every day at 1245. Last conference of the year.
- Open house Mar 26.
- MOCA rep came to offer training for the teachers during their teacher meeting as part of our PTA agreement regarding the MOCA program.
- ELD (English Language Development) standards assessments coming and in process of changing with the Common Core.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Carolina resigned; PTA to appoint Rebecca Rosignolli at next Board meeting.

Ways and Means/Fund Raising:

- Previously PTA has done a magazine, gear, cookie dough sales in the fall but this year there was interest in trying a jog-a-thon and utilizing Apex Fun Run company. Consensus that we did not have the man power to run a jog a thon without a sponsor company this year so this is a trial. We can consider going forward what we will decide for the big PTA fund raiser.
- (Alisa reporting): For the Apex Fun run/ Jog a thon we have \$1450/lap pledged as of this afternoon which exceeds our goal! Tomorrow the kids run the laps; parent volunteers welcome to come help. 845/ 1115/ 0130; on Friday the 1st grade class missing for field trip will be running after the assembly. The Apex company will take 48% which is a better percentage than from the magazine sales. It is a sliding scale of their percentage cut. Cut off to enter pledges is midnight on Thursday. There will be envelopes sent to the kids classes for donations. Friday Apex will send emails out. This has required vastly less PTA volunteer hours than previous fund raisers. Make checks out to ERE-PTA.
- Escrip requires yearly renewals – all information on the PTA website

Yearbook: (Kathleen reporting for Monica) Monica has the software and is starting working on the layout. There is a yahoo email yearbook@eaglerock-pta set up for submitting photos. 6th grade parents getting requests for baby pictures

Arts: (Maria not present) beginner arts class finished; intermediate class starting next week. Waiting to hear about submissions for PTA Reflections.

Membership/Volunteers: (Shannon) we have a generally higher membership this year than last year, but there were a number of involved 6th grade parents whose children graduated last year; 25% increase for teachers and staff memberships to PTA. Did have some discussions about membership drive. Planning for fall drive can be initiated this spring. Helpful to have someone tech savvy to organize the membership database.

Special Events: (Bevin reporting) This is another position that has become vacant as Amanda Millet is not able to continue in the position. Looking for a person to fill this position, but the work can be done by a group.

Nominating Committee: (Kathleen) According to our by-laws, we need to appoint a nominating committee to select the candidates for offices the 2015-2016 school year. The election will be held at the next General meeting in March. During the meeting there were the following volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee: Kelly Nelson; Jessica; Pamela Maez. Alternates: Rebecca R, Patrick Coppola. Amy Girguis moved to approve these members for the Nominating Committee. M. Ellingford seconded, all approved. Nominating committee to see Kathleen (Parliamentarian) for further instructions at the end of this meeting. Jessica suggesting also asking Ms. Matsuoka to be on as a teacher rep.

Announcements:

- Sweetheart dance – canceled; possible it could become a spring dance if there were someone to take that on
- Fun run Fundraiser: Thurs 1/29

- Box Tops deadline for next submissions 2/16 – send on your collection sheet or simply the box tops
- Flowergrams selling 2/9-12; delivered 2/13 (benefits 6th grade culmination)
- Book Fair and Parent/Teacher conferences – Mar 2-6
- Open house – March 26
- Next PTA meeting (elections!) Wed 3/18 – need at least 16 members to have a voting quorum
- Final PTA meeting 5/20/15 – will use this as a planning meeting for next August

Community updates: (Bevin presenting on behalf of Dana Schwart, EREEF President)

- EREEF: Sat Mar 7th Running for recess around the Oxy campus (money from last year will be spent on playground equipment and improvements)
- EREEF: Spring beautification work days coming up this spring (\$5000 Lowes grant for a welcome area out front; another grant for a literacy area)
- ERE relay for Life Team; relay is April 18-19 register at www.relayforlife.org/eaglerockca
- Greening update: awarded grant but working through LAUSD facilities and the not-for-profit to release the Prop 84 money; if grant doesn't open by April, the monies will be lost. Discussion about involving parents and professionals; students mailing letters, parents making phone calls. No additional community action being organized at this time.

Additional community announcement: a parent from St. Dominick's came with concerns about the activity of the homeless who are prevalent due to being fed by the church counsel. They don't want to shut down the feeding program, but see if it can be moved to a different area. He brought a petition that members of the community can sign to request for changes to the current feeding program location.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45