



Minutes for PTA General Meeting of 9/21/2020

Attendees:

Angela Dahrea, Marie Arthur, Amy Korb, LeAnn Tuupo, Lori Garth Green, Patti Foryan, Meghan Landon, Melissa Stefani, Melissa Valdez O'Connor, Michelle Larson, Lynsey Burge, Mary Cao, Galit Scandrett, Elishka Sharma, Yulia O, Ashley H, Claudia Huzar, Asa Watts

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Asa Watts, second by Melissa Stefani. Motion to approve the last month's meeting minutes made by Asa Watts, seconded by Galit Scandrett, and were approved unanimously by voting members.
2. Guest Speaker: Lynsey Burge, Sunset Counselor:
 - a. She is happy to be back to Sunset community and looking forward to working with everyone this year.
 - b. Provided update on food donations for families in need, including imperfect fruits and veggies, as this will be a real need for families this fall.
 - c. Starting a book club for families with students with anxiety, lots of good response on this.
 - d. Working on putting together new student lunches.
3. Principal's Report: LeAnn Tuupo, Principal
 - a. LeAnn reviewed status of where school is at after three weeks into online school /remote learning. Teachers and students are both feeling like they are getting into the groove and everyone is working on managing as best as they can and making small changes as everyone goes along.
 - b. Where we are at: 531 students enrolled as of 9/21, down about 70 students from last year, 98% reported attendance in these first few weeks of school.
 - c. First three weeks: Has been a lot of feedback from families and teachers which has been helpful. Virtual Curriculum Night is scheduled, and teachers had requested a one-hour crossover time so families could speak with other teachers and specialists if need be.
 - d. Wants to keep Sockeye activities alive and going as much as possible in remote school setting, reminding everyone to nominate kids for Sensational Sockeye Awards!
 - e. In Person Learning: Latest info from Superintendent and District is that LRC2 students will return to class for in person learning on October 1, Kindergarten and 1st Grade to return October 15th. LeAnn only hears information as it is reported from the District and she will also update families as soon as she hears anything. There are no other dates known at this time, but the message from

the District was that students would return to classes after the initial LRC2, K and 1 return in a staggered schedule, minimum of every three weeks.

- f. Fire and earthquake drills to be happening at the school shortly and coming out to families.
 - g. Starting in October, LeAnn to have a “coffee chat” open format conversation with families to discuss where we are at, how things are going and try to answer questions that families might have.
 - h. Michelle Larson will be working with Melissa and Lynsey on welcoming new students to Sunset.
 - i. Almost all of the September supplies were picked up, October will be distributed on October 7th and 8th, Wednesday 2-6 and Thursday 9-1. November will be distributed first Wednesday and Thursday of the month, December planned for the first week as well.
4. Teacher’s Report: Marie Arthur Blakley
- a. Teachers and staff have been very busy with start of school! Going well, they are feeling that a lot of support from the spring has carried over from families and everyone really appreciated the Rock Candy from the PTA.
 - b. Kids seem to be really happy, teachers are happy, suggested parents could send emails to teachers letting them know what is working well. All of the teachers and staff hope to see the kids soon.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Meghan Landon
- a. Sunset Community is amazing, there have been more than \$1200 in donations to date. PTA has set up a Donate a Yearbook this year, more than 15 yearbooks have been donated so far
 - b. Membership enrollment is a little slow this year and down from last year. 120 members have enrolled so far, Asa inquired how this compares to prior year, down about 30%
6. PTA General Updates:
- a. PTA Goals: Main goal for PTA this year is to look to staff and families to see how PTA can best help everyone. Marie asked about Grants, have teachers been using? PTA has provided partial grants for 3rd and 4th grades, Marie will ask teachers to plug PTA for student/family/staff needs.
 - b. Reflections: Sunset needs a chairperson to run Reflections program this year, is anyone interested or know of any families that have been involved in Reflections that might want to Chair this year? None noted at meeting.
 - c. Auction: 2020/2021 is an Auction year for Sunset and it is our biggest fundraiser. Melissa Valdez O’Connor and Alex Wu are co-chairs this year, we will have a Spring Online Fundraiser and will push the live auction event to the Fall where it is hoped that we will be able to hold an in-person event.
 - i. The Auction Committee is looking for volunteers this year, typically the event hosts more than 350 people and raises approximately \$225,000 for Sunset.
 - ii. There will be a planning meeting the second week of October, it is a fun event and great for the Sunset community.

1. Mary Cao asked about involvement on the committee, would depend on interest and time that volunteer has to be involved.
 - iii. Melissa and Alex are looking into timing of Spring Online Auction, will be a week long, sometime between March-May.
- d. Other Community Activities:
- i. PTA is really trying to be creative and look for ways for kids and families to be involved with others this year. Angela and Echo will be meeting with Nicole for ideas on incentives and rewards for students and staff. Back to school luncheon for staff was really appreciated and very successful!
 - ii. PTA is looking for ways to do a modified "Spooky Spaghetti" for families
 - iii. Scholastic Bookfair is coming up at the end of September through first part of October. Would like to set up a wish list template for teachers to use for book orders, also want to make sure that teachers and families know that PTA can help with financial assistance on book orders.
 - iv. Teachers, if you know of students that need assistance please contact Lynsey Burge. Lynsey will also be doing the book club for parents with children with anxiety, can help with financial assistance on those books
 - v. Yearbook will still be done, will look to families to provide photos of students throughout the year, perhaps we can collect photos in an online folder throughout the school year. Hope to have school photos done outside or in car.
 - vi. Looking for way to do an Eager Reader type program for the kids this year, will follow up at next meeting with any ideas or plans.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm was made by Asa, seconded by Amy Korb, all present approved.