



## Minutes for PTA General Meeting of 4/12/2021

### Attendees:

Angela Dahrea, Echo Peacock, Marie Blakley Arthur, LeAnn Tuupo, Lori Garth Green, Meghan Landon, Melissa Valdez-O'Connor, Melissa Stefani, Amy Korb, Alex Wu, Asa Watts

1. Echo opened meeting at 7:05 pm
2. Motion to approve the last month's meeting minutes made by Echo Peacock, seconded by Amy Korb, and were approved in chat by voting members present at the time of the vote
3. Principal's Report: LeAnn Tuupo, Principal
  - a. Good transition back to school today, was a little concerned that pickup would be tough after the break but went well
  - b. Will be starting process for classroom placement for next year
  - c. Still a lot of school left, next few months for staff training will be choice and mandatory training sessions
  - d. Orton-Gillingham program coming to ISD for dyslexic reading program, we will have 7-8 teachers trained on the program for next year which is great as we have a large dyslexic population at Sunset
  - e. We are at about 67% in person, all kids have been accommodated with exception of 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Next roll out is LRC2 will be in the building full day 4x a week starting next week.
    - i. 5<sup>th</sup> graders at capacity, still have waitlist, which is based on students in the classroom, able to fit 16 in classroom (exception is Sampsel – 19 kids in alternative room), everyone else has been able to return to in person if they have wanted to come. Have accommodated all kids based on original survey results and then some
      1. Can reach out to Katherine Johnson or LeAnn if have a request for hybrid
  - f. District coming out to look at playground tomorrow to make it more accessible for all students at Sunset (wheelchairs, walkers, crutches), as woodchips not good for all kids. Might not be able to make changes due to finances but we are asking.
    - i. District will be redoing sidewalk between drop off and bus zone due to tree damage to sidewalk – could not repair sidewalk so will be replacing and hopefully adding a corner

- ii. Sunset will also be getting some new furniture for classrooms that were not part of the remodel, all around upgrade
- 4. Teacher's Report: Marie Arthur Blakley
  - a. Suzanne Connolly took dyslexia training, thought it was a very good program. Teachers will plan on getting some additional training on Orton-Gillingham and rolling it out to all their students as needed
  - b. Thanks for extending gift card drive
  - c. Teacher Appreciation coming up, thanks for the email info. Teachers filled out favorites earlier in the year, they are happy to stay with that and teachers will be happy with anything!
  - d. Teachers are very happy to be back with the kids, feeling like rest of school year will be quick, all teachers are focused on quality time together for rest of school year
  - e. Kudos on the Departure Plan at end of school day, parents are doing great getting through the line and getting kids through pick up so quickly. Parking lot is very efficient, going very well. Staggered release is very good planning – thank you LeAnn!
- 5. Treasurer's Report: Meghan Landon
  - a. Things in the budget/spending cycle are quiet right now. Financials (as they are now) should be in shape to get 2021/2022 teacher grants out in the beginning of the year, which is good, but auction proceeds will be very important. Overall in pretty good financial shape despite the impact from Covid.
  - b. Question about pizza party funds for kids at school who Sunset is encouraging at school. These are Tier2/Tier3 kids who might need additional incentive or a family prize if kids can come to school physically or be more engaged in learning if remote.
    - i. LeAnn purchased pizza party for a family to celebrate all of the kids logging in for 3 days in one week – great response from the whole family!
    - ii. Gift cards could help with school supplies, food, family needs, etc. Would like to request some funds (\$300) from the PTA.
      - 1. PTA could gift funds to Counselor or Principal budgets which they could then use for incentive spending. PTA will provide \$300 and will allocate PBSBS funds for this for the families.
        - a. Many of our families will be getting a meal in addition to the school incentive which is great service to our community
- 6. FACE/Sunset Cares: Melissa Valdez-O'Connor:
  - a. No new FACE update, next meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup>
- 7. Multi-Cultural Fair: Melissa Valdez-O'Connor: still in planning stage, date will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, starting to coordinate planning meeting on Zoom for volunteers/participation
  - a. Fair will kick-off with an all-school assembly and then lead into family event in the evening, hoping to have some performances and activities
    - i. Lynsey Burge is coordinating this

- b. PTA did hand out post cards from Sunset for kids to send to families and friends from around the world.
        - i. Some other schools have sent them out, Grand Ridge and maybe one other, our hope is to get post cards from other countries. Kids were excited to send them out when discussing in classes – hoping that we get some back!
        - ii. Another idea would be emails from around the world with a picture if unable to send a postcard – maybe a picture of a sunset from another part of the world that could be sent to school.
- 8. Yearbook: Amy Korb: Yearbook going well, lots of photos of kids that might not have been in there before. Deadline technically is the 16th, will try to have it done by 15th.
  - a. We will keep sales open until 15th – will need to count 5th graders, count donations
    - i. Have sold 230 (plus another 60 orders that just came in) so far, following up with all families that had not ordered one yet
    - ii. Getting final count of 5<sup>th</sup> graders so we can make sure we have ordered enough to get one to each one – only 7 students are missing a portrait
    - iii. Lots of notices going out to families and staff as reminders to purchase – might have a few double
- 9. Auction Update: Alex Wu:
  - a. Online auction to start April 26th, excited to start. Have about 30 online auction items, some getaways, summer activities, trying to focus on things that families could use over the summer.
    - i. Gift cards will be used for auction items – got quite a few in already and expecting more this week
  - b. Had meeting with venue for live auction in the fall
  - c. Goal will be to raise \$10k+ for Spring online auction with our 30 items, awesome if more
- 10. Other Updates: Angela Dahrea:
  - a. Fundraising Opportunity with Frosty Barrel - all proceeds on April 21st will be shared with PTA. Equal opportunity benefit for them and us – great way to partner with community
    - i. Marie will plug on toy-maker day with the parents
  - b. Staff Appreciation Week: Will be week of May 3rd
    - i. Terri Hintz arranging food trucks again for one day that week for all staff to enjoy
    - ii. Want to make it fun and easy for everyone, little things throughout the week, write a note to a specialist or an “other teacher”, wear a favorite color, etc.
      - 1. LeAnn confirmed that all staff are now on site – 98 total staff at Sunset
      - 2. Specialists are not teaching live, but they are helping at recess, bus lines, fun for the kids to be able to see them at school

- c. Scholastic Book Fair: Will be online, will make \$ from Scholastic and want to try and get flyers from Scholastic with better Spring book fair turnout than we had in the Fall
  - i. Will be two weeks, will start May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>
- d. Nominating committee for new PTA Board is still needed. We still do not know much about next year and what PTA will look like. Volunteering and programs are still up in the air, another dynamic year for families and involvement in PTA but we are really looking for some people who are enthusiastic to lead during another transition year
  - i. Current PTA Board will be reaching out to people to try and get people interested
  - ii. Would like to encourage everyone to reach out to friends, neighbors, teachers to see if they know of anyone that might be a good fit
- e. Question came up about 5<sup>th</sup> grade yard signs – will we have funds to get signs for everyone? Had funds for 5<sup>th</sup> graders last year from fund raising for Camp
  - i. We would need to make sure we had signs for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders – PTA could help cover if we are short, expect that many families would be happy to help with that
  - ii. Maybe we could do a 5<sup>th</sup> grade yard sign in the Auction or a donation button for general 5<sup>th</sup> grade items, will look into that for the auction

Next meeting scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned 8:14