

MINUTES

**Caleb Greenwood PTSO Executive Board Meeting
6:00 pm February 9, 2022
Zoom call - social distancing**

A-1: Call to Order & Welcome

A-2: Roll Call of Executive Board Members

Present: Mairead Reinhard - President
Kristin Peer - Vice President
Rosanne Cherry - Faculty
Ellen Martin - Secretary
Chris Schofield - Co-Treasurer
Lisa Epstein - Auditor
Jennifer Wade - Member at Large
Amy Pisarsky - Parliamentarian

Also Present: Julie Garrison - Co-Treasurer,
Elise Brown
Principal Michelle Rossi
Councilmember Leticia Garcia
Nan Fitzpatrick

Absent:

A-3: Approval of Executive Board Minutes for:

Following a brief clarification both December and January minutes were approved as follows:

- a. 12-1-21: Vote. Rosanne Cherry made a motion. Chris Schofield seconded. Vote was 9 to 0.
- b. 1-6-21: Vote. Vote. Rosanne Cherry made a motion. Chris Schofield seconded. Vote was 9 to 0.

A-4: Officer Reports

- a. President's Report - Mairead gave a brief update. She highlighted that the teachers are still very happy with the teachers lounge. We have had the ability to give some kindergarten tours which were well received, we have plans to offer more tours and tours to families who have never been on campus before (related to the pandemic)
 - i. Mairead gave time to Nan Fitzpatrick to provide music program updates. Nann gave a brief summary of the music enrichment program. They do a general music study at Caleb with the kinders getting the most music. This year Nann is going to classrooms. The focus of music is getting our kids to see themselves as music makers. Instruments are limited a little this year. 6th graders are working on ukuleles, 4th percussion, 3rd took home recorders to practice with at home. Friday sing occurs digitally and all staff has access to it. Winter concert is currently in production and will come to our families digitally this month. Mairead asked if the morning sing videos could be sent out to our community, Nann and Principal Rossi will look into this further.
 - ii. Two asks: Parent Dan Janos lent us equipment, assisted in recording and has been editing at home to make the winter concert come together. Nann is asking PTSO to give him a thank you gift. Nann suggested a gift with a monetary value of \$200. Chris clarified we do have room in the music program budget. Kristen asked if we should give him more, Nann does support this idea. Mairead moved to vote in favor of a gift of \$200, Cherry seconded (with Rossi also in favor), all in favor and none opposed (9 in favor). Nann to follow up with what the gift will be and communicate with Mairead and the treasurers
Nann second ask: She wants to ask parents to help her foster a growth mindset amongst the students as music makers. Think about how to model that we are all music makers. Nann included her email to share for anyone with questions about music. nan_fitz@max.com

Mairead offered a brief ask to reach out for volunteers for PTSO and committees going forward next year.

Mairead reserved the rest of her time for Council member Leticia Garcia to provide school board updates. Leticia joined up 6:38, the following is a summary of what she said/presented:

She is our trustee with sac city unified

She thanked Ms Rossi

She acknowledged it has been a hard year for everyone involved

Mental health is front and center for our students. There are resources available to address impacts of covid. There is a plan to support mental health and social emotional learning but the workforce is not currently available to help with this. It is projected that the impact of covid will be 5-7 years for our students. The goal is to make schools the point of access for mental health. The board has adopted a budget that covers sly park

until 2024 for all 6th graders in the district. Covering sports all elementary sites and offering access to sports. The governor announced that indoor masking will lapse, however schools are exempt from this and will still require indoor masking. At the last board meeting they asked for a focus on minimizing the number of positions that get closed, retention of staff and hiring of staff and using covid funds to help support this.

Ms Rossi asked how they plan to focus on retention of staff. Leticia said that in the last year they lost 1600 students, this would normally mean the budget would reduce the number of positions. Currently this is not a good plan because although we have fewer students our students have greater needs, they are looking at how to retain positions to support this and use the covid fund to support this and invest in the needs of our students. From trends she has looked at the kids who "disappeared" are largely unaccounted for across the state.

b. Treasurer Report - Chris Schofield & Julie Garrison

- i. Chris shared the budget vs actuals: No one had questions, there were no major changes from the previous month. Lisa asked about passive fundraising, and if there was anything outside of amazon smile. Chris said we are also getting box tops and united way and also State Street. Chris shared statement of financial position, no major changes. He still needs to transfer the fund a need for the action center. We did get our first spring auction check. Ms Rossi asked about paying for sly park this year, Chris did receive an invoice for sly park which does not specify exactly what it is for. Ms Rossi clarified this should be paid for by the school district and should not cost us anything. Ms Rossi also let us know that sly park was canceled for our sixth graders and currently they are on a waiting list. In Summary she said do not pay this until she has more information.

c. Faculty Report - Rosanne Cherry- The kinder tours were very fun with very positive energy. Spirit week at the end of December was really a fun community builder and she recommends we do something like this again in the spring. Teachers are sending photos to the yearbook coordinator. The staff lounge is amazing and such a highlight for staff. It makes them feel so good and appreciated and lifts all their spirits!! Finally lots of buzz regarding the search for a new principal.

- i. Mairead added that Amy is the one who is making the monthly treats and goodies happen in the staff lounge

A-5: New Business

- a. Dia Literacy Event (Lisa Epstein) - event is being postponed to the 3rd week of March.
 - i. There is a new program called Beanstack to help engage our community with reading that is very exciting. Waiting for some papers to get Beanstack up and running.

- ii. Kelly Cordero has the events for Dia mapped out. Lisa plans to share more about this with the next meeting. Also plans for a video tour and testimonials from the kids about the action center.
- b. Auction- Elise Brown joined to update on the upcoming auction- ticket sales are available and sponsorships and auction items are being gathered. We have already exceeded our fundraising goal. Ticket sales are underway. Posters will be up soon with QR codes for parents to scan while waiting to pick up kids. Also flyers to go home with kids to let parents know about the auction. Also Elise let us know that auction tickets are available at a discount for those who might need this. When people purchase tickets they can donate to help purchase tickets for the teachers or donate to help support tickets for those who may need assistance. Last they are still finding out what our specific fund a need item is for the event.
 - i. Elise confirmed that all teachers and staff will receive free tickets to the event, they just need to let her know that they would like a ticket.
 - ii. They are working on alternatives if covid prevents allowing an in person event.
 - iii. Elise, Mairead and Rosanne will communicate to the teachers so they are aware they get free tickets and they know when to RSVP by.
 - iv. Mairead also discussed with Rosanne the class gifts, Rosanne will talk to the teachers regarding comfort levels around things like " bowling with teachers" etc.

A-6: Principal's Report: Principal Rossi Principal report: Many wonderful events this month! GATE testing is happening in 1st-4th right now. She thinks the pandemic is impacting our students and she does see a wide range of how it affects the students and how they are struggling. They are looking into how to spend covid funding to help the students with this. Possibly looking at a wellness curriculum with " Reframing our Stories". Potential for a PTSO ask for funds regarding this plan to help our students, more information to come

Leticia Garcia joined us at 6:38- following Principal Rossi's update, a summary of what she said/present is included above.

A-7: Adjournment 7: p.m.

- Next Executive Board meeting is Wednesday, March 2 at 6 pm (via Zoom).

