

PTA Meeting Minutes

Candalaria Elementary School Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
December 1st, 2020

Meeting brought to order by Lauren Carlson @ 6:33 PM, followed by introductions of board and all people in attendance.

Attendance: Brian Turner, Steve Nass, Lauren Carlson, David Anzur, Joanna Forsythe, Desiree Richardson, Annie Marges, Talia Seabold, Janice Schiedler, Leanna Heiman, Annie Gorsley, Rebecca Arce

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Special Presentation: update from Annie Marges, Oregon Dept. of Education
- Committee Chair Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements

1. Approval of minutes

The meeting minutes from 11/09/20 were reviewed and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report/Budget Review

- Starting budget \$53,000. Current balance \$52,343.
- There was a lot of discussion on the money available for teachers, which currently is \$500 per teacher, why teachers may not be requesting reimbursements and whether they know the money exists. It was suggested to reach out directly to the teachers by email, with a video message, and personally if possible. There was a suggestion to survey the teachers.

3. Principal's Report

- a. Memory Books are completed and available. However, they cannot be distributed with the current pandemic-related restrictions.
- b. The deadline to switch from Edge to Comprehensive Distance Learning is 12/4/20. At this time, there are 7 students returning to Candalaria and there is no need to increase FTE at this time.
- c. Security cameras have officially been installed, but we are still waiting for the software to be installed. The "war room" at LPC has access to these cameras.
- d. The school is preparing for K-3 return with limited desks in the classroom. With the COVID numbers in Marion County, this is still a ways off. When in-person

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school returns, it will be a cohort model. There is currently a 3rd/4th blend at Candalaria and the details of this will need to be worked out.

- e. Outdoor school for 5th graders may still be possible. There is still a contract in place with Canyonview. The proposal would be for 3 consecutive days with 6 ft of spacing. Overnight is not possible.
- f. Limited in person learning is limited to children with technology issues or inability to access the online learning platforms at this time.
- g. Library book checkout is currently on pause.
- h. Chromebook exchange is available. Promo codes from Xfinity are available to families in need.
- i. Candalaria has one of the highest attendance rates in the district at 96-97%.

4. Oregon School Board Report by Annie Marges

- Limited in person learning is available regardless of metrics, but the district would need to consult with local public health to coordinate return to limited in person (LIP). LIP is considered supplemental and is for extra support or other activities.
- K-3 will be the first group to return. 4-5 grade could theoretically return after K-3 returns.
- Cohorts may not exceed 20 students and in-person learning may not exceed 2 consecutive hours. Students may not be a part of more than 1 cohort. Teachers may not be exposed to more than 5 cohorts per week.

5. Committee Chair Reports

- No updates at this time.

5. Unfinished Business

- No updates at this time. There are still several board positions that remain open including Vice President, Auction Committee Chair, and Talent Show Chair.

6. New Business

- There was detailed discussion on how to better involve teachers in PTA, increase teacher attendance, and increase awareness of the available funds to support them.
- There was discussion on how PTA can support our kids during this pandemic in a tangible way. The following ideas were brought forth: iReady reading program, a book for each student, and art supplies.

7. Announcements

- Find and follow us on Facebook or bookmark our webpage to stay current on information. <https://www.facebook.com/candalariapta>

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- Don't forget, even if you were a PTA member last year, it is a yearly renewal. You can sign up or renew your membership online now!
- Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.