

PTA Meeting Minutes

Candalaria Elementary School Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
October 6th, 2020

Meeting brought to order by Suzie Phelps @ 6:35 PM, followed by introductions of board and all people in attendance.

Attendance: Suzie Phelps, Steve Nass, Lauren Carlson, David Anzur, Brian Turner, Joanna Forsythe, Desiree Richardson, Annie Marges

Agenda

- Introductions
- Approval of last meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's report
- Unfinished Business
- New business
- Announcements

1. Approval of minutes

The meeting minutes from 9/22/20 were reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Steve Nass, seconded by David Anzur.

2. Treasurer's Report/Budget Review

- Start \$53,000. End of year projection \$20,000.
- We need to decide if we move forward with the previously approved capital project expenditure. As a reminder, this project was an amplification system.

3. Principal's Report

- a. Distance learning overall is difficult but is going well. The schedule is longer upfront but seems to be working well. Attendance and participation has been great. The district is having conversations about when in-person learning can occur. They are factoring the level of need and services needed. At this time, it cannot be more than 2 hours and no more than 2 days per week. Cohorts of 10, no more than 3 cohorts per teacher, no more than 250 students per week. The hybrid (cohort) model is not meant to be a substitution or equivalent to Comprehensive Distance Learning, but will supplement CDL. These cohorts will likely be targeted to groups that may need additional instruction. The hybrid model actually does not rely on county metrics, but relies on negative testing among the school staff. The official start back date for the hybrid model would be November 16, 2020 if the metrics are met. This deadline is very optimistic. Mr. Bosch was given a special shout out for his level of participation and engagement with families. The school has been troubleshooting any connectivity

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- issues families may be encountering. Supplemental activities are available through the district, Canvas, and Seesaw. Special education
- b. Teacher conferences will occur and are in the works. Independent conferences will occur and teachers will be sending out the link for this on Friday, October 9th, 2020. Parents will be able to sign up online.
 - c. Current enrollment in 262. Last year, enrollment was over-capacity.
 - d. Child-care: Previously SKEF provided before and after school care. SKEF has dissolved and the YMCA was going to take over the child-care needs of the school. The YMCA has been overwhelmed and has not been able to meet this need. This is a large need without a solution at this time.
 - e. EDGE students transition back into in-person learning is anticipated. There will likely need to be an increase in FTE. Currently there are 10 teachers at Candalaria, when typically there are 12.

4. Committee Chair Reports

Communications: 10 Facebook link follows and about 35 opened the last meeting announcement email. We brainstormed ways to increase participation including Remind, communicating what the PTA is doing this year and acknowledging that this is a unique year.

5. Unfinished Business

Open Board and Chair positions:

- Vice President: vacant
- Art Literacy: vacant
- Auction: vacant
- Book Fair: Fall book fair (needs to be confirmed)
- Funds Run: Jenny
- 100 Mile Club: Stephenie Tanner
- Memory Book: Jonathan Jasinski
- Talent Show: vacant
- 4th/5th Grade Committee: Natalie Kacynski, Annie Marges

Movie Night

- Proposed Netflix (or other platform) for sometime in November.

Teacher Appreciation Project

- JoyAnna and Suzie are working on a teacher and staff appreciation project.

6. New Business

- How to increase teacher participation: We value teacher participation and would love to see more teachers attend. Some recommendations included using humor and direct marketing, utilizing groups of teachers (perhaps by grade) as an agenda item during the

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meeting, sending the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting, and providing incentives.

5. Announcements/Discussion

- Please reach out to volunteer with us this year! There will be many opportunities.
- Find and follow us on Facebook or bookmark our webpage to stay current on information.
- 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, November 3rd, at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.