

Altadeña PTSO Board Meeting
March 21, 2017
Altadeña Community Room

Members in Attendance: Tara Camarano (staff), DJ Fenstermaker, Monica Gellman, Alison Gilmore, Amanda Holtom, James Martin (Principal), Karen Meinerz, Tracie Stephens, Renee Tobias

-Meeting called to order at by Karen Meinerz at 6:39pm.

-Karen welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves.

-January 2017 General Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasury Report

1. Balance: \$31,417.73.
2. The only notable expense was the previously approved request for funds for pizzas to be served during 8th grade training to be tour guides for 5th graders (\$150.00). Mr. Martin reported that the training had gone well and had been a bit more structured than in the past.

Principal's Report – Mr. Martin

1. Middle School Redesign – After the District audit, middle school principals agreed on 3 focus areas:
 - a. Academic Excellence/Desire for consistency in curriculum across the district - We need to assess how students are doing as it relates to the standards as the year is going on. The interim assessment in January was used for this purpose and results were given to teachers to build plans.
 - b. Responsive Instruction – Addressing academic, social and emotional needs on an ongoing basis. To this end, each middle school is getting a full-time counselor next school year.
 - c. Student Agency – making students in control and accountable for their learning. The school will be implementing a universal, non-cognitive screener for next year (measures grit, resiliency, growth mindset).
2. Mr. Martin explained that middle schools would have a different admin team next year, comprised of a Principal, Vice-Principal, Academic Behavior Interventionist and a Counselor.

3. Mr. Martin reported that McDonald's had contacted him about bad behavior from students afterschool. Mr. Martin had also received tips via texts from students on this issue. He asked if PTSO could partner with him to address the issue with parents. A parents suggested that afterschool clubs might cut down on the troublemaking, but that most of the problems are occurring on Fridays when there are no clubs meeting after school.
4. Mr. Martin briefly discussed the orientation and possibly plans for next year's Meet the Teacher Night.

Committee Reports

1. Hospitality – Tracie reported that the St. Patrick's Day meal was very successful. Next lunch is April 13th with food from Zoe's Kitchen. May 5th will be the Staff Appreciation Week lunch. We are soliciting \$25 gift cards to be given to each staff member. PTSO funds will pay for a part of the luncheon and some gift cards.
2. 8th Grade Dance – Tracie reported that the Signup Genius is out. The "Reach For the Stars – Make Your Dreams Come True" dance will be held May 12th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. She is working on photo solutions for the booths. Bottled waters still needed as well as rental contacts— Karen sent over a few from last year.
3. Book Fair – Karen reported that the Phoenix Book Company book fair will be April 17-21.
4. Band Boosters – Renee reported that the instrument tryout had 150 kids visiting 7 stations over a 4-hour period. Butter Braid sales brought in \$6,000.00. BB received \$200.00 in donated gift cards that they used as sales incentives for the kids. They plan to use the money to purchase bassoon, baritone saxophone and percussion. There's about \$1,000.00 left after tax. The Band Booster budget was approved by their board.
5. Talent Show – Amanda reported the show will be April 26th. Discussion was held on audition process.

Old Business

- The final date for approval and reimbursement to teachers will be **MAY 19th**.

New Business

-Next year, we should have a clear communication to teachers re: the reimbursement process. We should also actively seek more teachers to like and follow us on Facebook.

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2017 at 8:45 pm in the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Gellman, Secretary