

## **Escuela Key General PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

Please see the meeting slides posted on the Escuela Key PTA website for information about specific agenda items.

45 attendees, including four presenters: Micaela Pond and Marleny Perdomo from Escuela Key, and Amy McClosky and Benjamin Burgin from APS Nutritional Services

The meeting started at 7:01 pm

### **Escuela PTA President shared the agenda for the meeting**

#### **Micaela Pond presented to the group on Gifted Services at APS**

#### **Benjamin Burgin, from APS design and construction, provided an update on the construction of the new kitchen**

- The workers who were injured in the cinder block accident earlier this year and Mr Burgin indicated that they are okay now
- The current projections are that the kitchen will be 100% up and running by January 15, 2022
- Ms. McClosky confirmed that it will be possible to get a an extra fridge, perhaps through the Food Bus, to store leftover food for families to pick up later

#### **Hurraays**

- Escuela Key Ribbon Cutting
- Escuela Key welcome picnic
- Rocktoberfest
- Apicultores Award
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Ms. Jarvis and Sra Alomia
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sra Stengle and Ms. Leach

#### **Treasurers' Report**

- The Treasurer (Patty Spencer) and Susan Gillin (former Treasurer, managed the books during the audit period)
- The audit is public and can be requested via email to [treasurer@keypta.org](mailto:treasurer@keypta.org) and it will be posted on the Key PTA website
- Erin Freas-Smith moved to approve the audit; Rachel Chang seconded
- 32 people are in the room and the motion passed with 23 votes yes

#### **Review of the Calendar for November and December**

#### **Annual Holiday Giving Program Summary: Erin Freas-Smith**

- Email [communitysupport@keypta.org](mailto:communitysupport@keypta.org) to sponsor a family or a student

#### **Guidelines for teacher gifting for the holiday season**

#### **Q&A with Sra Perdomo**

- Thanks to the community for attending the Key Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and to the PTA for paying for the mariachi band
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade is taking swimming lessons at W&L HS
- The building vestibule is almost ready, and extra security features were also installed
- New staff has joined the team – almost fully staffed with English Language Learners teachers, and an assistant for Art to support English speakers
- Today an anonymous donor gave \$5,000 to be used for an administration fund
- Escuela Key is working to earn its Purple Star designation in support of military families
- Q: What is the protocol for eating outside as we enter colder weather
  - o A: In the plan that Sra Perdomo posted that comes from APS, it says that kids can eat outside when it's 32 degrees or above – but that's an hour outside. The kids are choosing not to eat because it's too cold. Sra Perdomo doesn't want any kids, especially the younger kids, to not be eating because they're too cold. Yesterday was very windy, and that also means that the food is going to be blown away. Reminds parents to send their kids with appropriate clothing. Sra Perdomo is not staffed to be able to do outside for some kids and inside for others. The teachers are most comfortable with the kids eating outside when it's 55 degree or above.
- Q: Could we leverage parent volunteers to eat outside?
  - o A: We are already very stretched with staff. Parent volunteers are parent volunteers – they are not available every day and sometimes they must cancel at the last minute. And once the cafeteria is open it will be hard to move the trays outside.
- Q: Would it be possible to set up a hat tree or a glove tree for the community to donate warm items for the kids to wear if they don't bring them from home?
  - o Yes, we could put that in the front lobby.
- Q: As the kids are getting vaccinated, do you see the protocols changing?
  - o A: That would be decided centrally. A lot of people (adults) want to keep the kids masked to avoid flu and colds and everything. I have not yet received guidance on this.
  - o A: To clarify on the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade cases, it is not up to the principal to determine how to respond to those. That is APS and the Health Department – they determine if cases are a “cluster” and a whole class needs to be shut down. I have not received guidance on that or whether the whole class should be shut down. Key does the contact tracing right away, but if the parents of the sick child don't take their kid to be tested right away, there can be a delay in telling close contacts.
- Q: What is the order of operations for informing parents when there is a positive case? Once the community-wide email about a positive case is sent out, can parents assume that the contact tracing has occurred?
  - o A: It is the goal for contact tracing to have happened before the community-wide email goes out. But sometimes if kids who are close contacts are not in school that day, there might be a delay in informing the parents. The school nurse sends out an email with the timeline to follow for testing and quarantining for all close contacts.
- Q: How many students in a class would have test positive or be considered close contacts in order for a whole class to be sent home?
  - o A: It actually depends on the Health Department and their determination as to where the case originated (in the community or at school).
- Q: Are you still soliciting parent volunteers for outside lunch?

- A: Yes – we can always use volunteers when there is outside lunch.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.**