Las Flores



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Parent Advisory Committee Meeting March 7, 2025

I. Welcome:

8:35 AM

<u>Attendance</u>: Tami Zylla, Patricia Reyes, Misthian Morales, Angela Alvarado, Nicole Kester, Gabby Marquez, Senia Negrete, Michelle Solis

II. Approval of Minutes from February 21st, 2025

Angela motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle offered a second. All in favor/no opposed...MOTION CARRIED

III. Advisor/Committee Reports:

- Academic Liaisons Janinna Vallejo, Angela Alvarado
 - o Teacher appreciation will be May 5th
 - o Spring Festival will be **April 4th 8:30-10AM**There will be crafts, relay races, a water balloon toss, egg hunt, 3 rotations of students
 - o Yearbook is being done by a teacher. Still Tree Ring which has been a fundraiser in the past. Mrs. Alvarado has said she would help (in the past parents did the yearbook).
- Development Advisors Irene Ramirez, Jessalyn Perea

IV. Open House

April 10th

Minimum Day 11:30 Dismissal No Enrichment on Friday April 11th Will take place from 5pm-7pm

Prospective Parent Meeting

Meeting will be from 5:00-5:30 pm with Q/A opportunities

- Taco Vendor
- Other Food truck Ideas

Kona Ice will be there. Other ideas discussed were a strawberries and whipped cream dessert option and the PAC selling ice cream INCLUDING STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BARS

- Community Partners

Miss Patricia has 11-12 community vendors confirmed for participation

<u>NOTE</u>: Everyone is welcomed to n arrive at 5pm to enjoy food and to peruse the community vendors.

Current families are encouraged to invite friends and families who are interested in learning more about the school.

The PAC will raffle off baskets. This is another opportunity to ask for donations from families for the baskets.

V. Celebrations

Retirements

Mr. Moore and Miss Yvette are retiring. We will have a surprise event for Miss Yvette on 4/25. There will be a table at recess set up for students to write cards to Miss Yvette. Mrs. Moore's celebration will be later as he will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Seniors

· Yard Signs/T-Shirts

The PAC agreed to fund T-shirts and yard signs for the senior class. <u>The ability to purchase signs will be extended to all families as a fundraiser</u>. Mrs. Zylla will talk to Yvette about getting this started. She will also send the T-shirt information to the seniors to have them select t-shirt pattern.

VI. PBIS Carnival

May 1st

The school will be having a PBIS carnival during lunch recess. Volunteers are needed to support staff (aides, counselors, admin) in setting up and running the carnival. Students are aware of the upcoming carnival and have been advised they should save their PAWS. PAWS can be shared among friends. Yvette will order prizes with the support of Isaac Abrego, the student PBIS member. Miss Patricia suggested giving PAWS for students attending Open House. Mrs. Morales disagreed because that is about participation and not positive behavior. Mrs. Morales said that she would ask how the other teachers felt.

VII. Latino Family Literacy Project Workshop

Miss Patricia spoke about the Latino Family Literacy Project Wordshop. It will be held on Thursdays from 8:45–9:45 am beginning on March 13. There was a question as to whether this was only for Spanish speaking people, but it is not. The texts are in English and Spanish. Mrs. Zylla mentioned that in year's past the school created their own version naming it Multicultural Family Literacy and they included Korean because Mrs. Chun speaks Korean. All families are welcome to attend. Texts will be in Spanish and English.

VIII. See's Candy

Fundraiser is starting soon. Proceeds will also go to 6th grade camp. Miss Patricia suggested that families order together to cut or eliminate the cost of shipping. She reminded everyone also that people should share the fundraiser with family and friends because anyone can order and it will be shipped to their home.

IX. Parent PAC Participation Ideas

At the SSC meeting when the Parent, Family Engagement Policy was reviewed, a member asked if it was possible to make attending one PAC meeting mandatory. Mrs. Zylla stated that this was not possible as it did not have anything to do with independent study which is what is added to the contract as required (e.g. monthly meetings). Mrs. Zylla mentioned that they discussed ideas to increase participation in PAC with Mrs. Abrego who is a parent but unable to attend PAC as she is working with students at that time. Below are some ideas discussed

- Rotation of one from each class

Organized by room parent

The idea of bringing back Room parents was discussed. The Room parents could organize who from each class each month would attend the meetings (if not the Room Parents themselves). The questions as to what would the people do with the information who would they disseminate was asked to which Mrs. Zylla suggested that the minutes could be distributed by the member but the main idea was that the class' needs and wants were represented in the conversation.

- Incentivize with student showcases

Mrs. Abrego thought that each month a student groups could make a presentation or have something to "show off" at the PAC which might get parents to attend.

- Potluck/Treats

Other ideas

Mrs. Abrego and the PAC brainstormed other ideas as follows:

PAC breakfast kick off for the 2025-2026 school year

- Assign room moms to sponsor room events like door decorating etc..
- Have more "PTA type" events sponsored by PAC to attract parents (Donuts with dad, muffins with Mom etc..)

<u>NOTE</u>: Senia reminded that PAC that Mrs. Zylla said NO to these types of events, but Mrs. Zylla reiterated that it was not a NO, but a request that they were not "family member-type connected" due to the possibility of some families being composed of single parents, two moms/dads, foster youth, etc She mentioned that the school has been tagged in a post on FB in the past regarding such an event.

The PAC is encouraged to sponsor events such as this with "open" invites: (Mrs. Zylla researched these ideas:

- o Popcorn with your Peeps
- o Donuts with Grown-ups
- o Muffins in the Morning,
- o Bagels with Buddies,
- o Pretzels with Pals
- o Cupcakes/Crafts with Caregivers
- o Games with Grandparent-figures,
- o Reading with Relatives
- Have PAC members make announcements at flag for upcoming meetings, events, needed help with school events etc...(lots of parents are on campus daily, might as well speak to them in person) It was suggested that this might be done by student council but with a script.
- A dedicated work space
- Parent Orientation Overview Night Meeting (after introductions of staff but before classroom presentations like most PTAs do)
- Back to school flyer that outlines all the opportunities that PAC offers and describes what PAC is (and how id it different from PTA)
- Flyers for PAC volunteer needs.

X. Updates

- Sk8 4 Life Assembly-- March 28
- Chuck E. Cheese Visit-- March 6...Fundraiser March 10
 The visit was a HUGE success! Students and staff loved seeing Chuck E. Cheese. Remember to attend the fundraiser as the school gets 20% of the proceeds. Mr. and Mrs. Zylla will be there after 4pm.
- Camp May 20-23 (Cost is \$390)
 - Taco Nazo Profit Divided Among Campers

See's candy proceeds will also be divided among campers. Mrs. ZYlla will extend the opportunity to staff to donate camperships (to individual students or to be divided among all campers).

Donate \$50 or \$60 per camper to reduce cost to families?

PAC will donate \$500 to be divided among campers.

NEXT YEAR the PAC will organize a fundraiser event such as a Bubble run with balloon arches and bubbles. Campers will get donations from sponsors per lap (e.g. \$1/lap)

Parent Workshops/Factor 1--4/30-5/28

XI. Budget Review

Opening Balance: \$8209.19

Deposits:

Withdrawals:

Ending Balance \$8209.19

Prior to ending the meeting the incident on Special Person's Day was discussed. Mrs. Zylla accepted feedback that a second message could have been sent to relay that an additional "shelter in place" occurred prior to the situation being contained for a second time.

IX. Adjournment:

10:00AM