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Willett Elementary PTA Association Meeting Highlights, 11/28/23

1. Principal's Report - Principal John Campbell

Mr. Campbell reports that there is a new mural with the school name and a picture of Hootie on the new MPR. It looks great! Conference week dismissals started earlier this year (12:10). The earlier dismissal was very favorable and it helped with teachers getting home at a reasonable time. There was low turnout at the meeting to discuss solar panels. There is ongoing discussion on placement of the solar panels between two locations. So far the district has received community feedback on strategic fencing but not staff or parent feedback. Mr. Campbell encourages parents and staff to voice their opinions. Mr. Campbell has an idea for PTA: Paint a world map inside the MPR to acknowledge our diverse population. Students can then populate the map with tags of countries of origin. Mr. Campbell is still flushing out details but would like to bring this idea to the PTA at some point this year.

2. Teacher's Report: Becki Casey

Thanks for the food provided during conference week! Ms. Casey also shared thank you pictures and cards from students for the teacher grants (TK gardening supplies, 3rd grade headphones).

3. Guest/Public Comment: Joe DiNunzio Measure N Overview - Parcel Tax Renewal - Measure N

Joe DiNunzio attended the meeting to discuss the renewal of measure H from 2016. DJUSD receives less state funding than other districts and this bill helps to support the district financially. This parcel tax is core to providing core programs. The district would need to lay off 20% of teachers (100) without this funding. This will be on the March 5 ballot. The PTA will vote on supporting this measure at the next meeting.

4. Officers' Reports:

Fundraising - Meg Padovani

Meg reported that the online auction raised over \$12,500. The preview day event was successful and had 2 food trucks and many volunteers. The book fair was open for 21 hours of sales and raised \$2,800 for the school. Erin is looking for co-chair for the spring book fair. Upcoming restaurant nights include: Chipotle is coming up in December; Dos Coyotes in January; Sudwek in February. Willett Wear orders are getting packaged up and Meg is working with Tara to get outstanding orders to students.

5. Committee &/or Other Program Coordinator Reports:

Garden of Learning - The native pollinator garden is in and is beautiful! Huge thanks to Jessica Lundberg for all the hard work over break!

Community Events - There are no leads for the Lunar New Year event. At this point this event will not happen.

6. New Business:

The PTA is working on making improvements to the staff lounge and there is a volunteer to lead this effort. More details to follow.

PTO/PTA Discussion - Michele led a discussion on exploring changing from a PTA to a PTO. The advantages to a PTO include more flexibility for operating. The group agreed to have more discussion on pros and cons in December and January.

7. Upcoming meetings:

Next general association meeting is Tuesday, December 19, 2023 @ 7 pm on Zoom