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Willett Elementary PTA Association Meeting Highlights, 10/17/23

1. Principal's Report - Principal John Campbell

Mr. Campbell reports that Universal Learning is in month two and is going well on campus. UDL is a monthly training happening at each school site. Also, the Willett safety site plan has been approved already; changes this year include evacuation sites moved from other campuses to Sycamore Park and Arroyo Park. The Willett climate committee is underway with TOSA Jenny Cooper. Another iReady assessment will occur in Nov. & Dec.

2. President's Report - Michele McCuen

The next Willett Movie Night is this week. Cruella is the headliner, the event is open to the community at large, and PTA will notify neighbors of potential noise ahead of time. Candy will be sold to raise funds for the 6th grade celebration, popcorn and drinks will be provided for free of charge. Additional movie nights could happen if others volunteer to oversee and assist. We also need volunteers to take on larger events such as Lunar New Year and/or a Winter Festival or we cannot continue to host such events.

3. Teacher's Report: Becki Casey

Ms. Casey reports that the teachers/staff are thankful for the new staffroom fridges, snacks, and equipment for the 3rd classes for P.E..

4. Officers' Reports:

Communications - Kate Rich - Please keep sending any updates for her to include in the newsletter and email communications.

Fundraising - Meg Padovani - The auction committee has secured 2 food trucks for the preview event. Donations from the community are coming in and need to emphasize classroom donations and volunteers for the day of preview. There will be pumpkin pies provided for free to attendees. Willett Wear update: Originally the PTA planned to have a Willett store but due to demand and board delays due to illness, PTA is making home deliveries and readjusting the website to reflect what is in stock for purchase.

5. Committee &/or Other Program Coordinator Reports:

Room Representative Coordinators - Cathy Escobedo & Meg Padovani Have set up the first room parent meeting to occur on 10/24 virtually to help room parents with any questions or situations they might have.

Yearbook - We have sold 91 books and plan to start placing physical marketing banners and posters on campus to encourage purchasing a yearbook. There is a need for yearbook photographers so if there is any interest please reach out to Katie Lasker.

Davis Parent University (DPU) - Maureen Vollmer Had a great session online that is available to be watched after the meeting.

Teacher Grants - Michele McCuen

- a. Becky Casey requests \$230 dollars for a set of headphones for her classroom.
- b. Yolanda Freshour requests \$225 for Generation Genius Math Software for her class.
- c. Stacey Shustek requests \$180 for volleyballs and nets for all students to use on the blacktop during recess.
- d. Stacey Shustek requests \$150 for reading head lamps for under the desk reading in her and Ms. Khan's classroom. It is a fun activity to get 5th graders excited about reading.

Garden of Learning - Chris & Julie Hartley report that students have had lots of fun and 3rd grade classes are currently making scarecrows next Wednesday, 10/25. New PTA funded garden boxes will be in by Winter. Additionally, 4th graders planted beets and potatoes for the Fort Ross trip in Spring.

6. New Business:

- a. Superintendent Matt Best updated PTA presidents prior to our association meeting.
 - i. The 2024-2025 school calendar is being discussed and should be posted soon.
 - ii. In regards to the bomb threats, DJUSD will continue to take every bomb threat seriously regardless of where or who is behind the threats and the validity of the threats.
 - iii. Willett is in phase 2 of building the classrooms for the TK and Kindergarten classes.
 - iv. Strategic fencing is slated to come to Willett to separate the park from the back field. This will be a 6-8 ft. fence and will reduce school entry points to by the bicycle racks and the new MPR. There will be a gate to the park that will be locked unless staff is using it.
 - v. Extended day kindergarten will be available in 2025 in all elementary schools in Davis.

7. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Next general association meeting is Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 @ 7 pm - NOTE LOCATION CHANGE - Staff Lounge