



Cove PTO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 | 8:30-9:30am

Zoom [LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 810 5281 6830 Passcode: 369452

- **Call Meeting to Order - 8:34am**
 - *Approved minutes from last mtg*
- **President's Report**
 - Still have open [volunteer opportunities](#)
 - Need VPs and spirit wear help
 - Roles can be split between several people
 - Variety Show status
 - If no one steps up, might not be able to do it this year
 - Ideas: stipend for someone to run in?
 - Melanie & Christine to lead with someone else as MC
 - Corporate Matching
 - Can do matching for PTO donations
 - Help with Cove Connection
 - Sue needs help (editing/writing/putting it together)
- **Principal Walker Update**
 - Fun Run was super fun!
 - Conferences last week - big lift to have them in September; some benefits to having them earlier vs. later in Fall; discussing different ideas about how to handle conferences in the future (ie. have 2 Fall conferences - 1st as a "listening" check-in/conference to share about your child and meet teacher; 2nd to get data from teacher about your child's growth)
 - District Advisory Panel is working on school calendar
 - iReady feedback - questions about accuracy; some children demotivated because questions keep getting harder
 - Picture day was great!
 - PBIS - staff meeting yesterday to refresh
 - Golden Coyote Paw stickers to be unveiled soon!
 - Outdoor Ed next week (Wed/Thurs/Fri)
 - This year for Halloween: parade for K and dance performances from Musical Theater (grades 1-4)
 - Parents can watch
- **SPARK Update Marina Thompson**
 - Kicked off Sparktober yesterday AM
 - Goal to hit 70% at least by 10/29
 - If we meet that goal, popsicles on Wed 10/30 after lunch
 - Table on 10/9 walk to school day
 - 10/25 assembly to highlight Spark-sponsored programs; want parent participation (especially new parents)
 - Coyote paws art program for whole school will be on display
 - Majority of donations received in last week

- doing raffle to try to get them in earlier - earlier you donate, more chance to win raffle prizes; first raffle on Tuesday
 - Fun Run was successful and fun!
 - Need party planner from Cove to help with the Spring Gala
- **Teacher Representative Update:** *Lindsay Hess*
 - Kids excited about music theater, PE, art, library
 - Teachers said snacks have been amazing! Thank you for supporting us!
- **LCMSD Trustee Update:** *Eric Schmautz*
 - Recognized newly tenured teachers at last board meeting
 - Update on achievements that happened in summer school; impressive academic growth for participating students
 - No funding from district for summer school; looking at budget for next year to see if summer school is best use of funds
 - Jaime presented SPARK at last meeting
 - In middle school, shift to standards-based grading; kicked off in 2015, then break during Covid, and back this year.
 - Outside research group and Toni Brown leading; want to be sure students/parents are comfortable getting feedback on their students in this mode
 - Will continue to look at through end of this year
 - First look at CASPP results: slight dip in math/reading across district; uptick in science
 - Looking at how each student is progressing (comparing growth from grade to grade)
 - The Board made investments in interventions to ensure progress; now looking at which interventions worked best; also looking at iReady and feedback about interventions
 - Scores are in board docs; comparative data coming soon
- **Corte Madera [Parks and Rec](#):** *Erin Duggan* [Halloween Dance Party](#) 10/19 7-9, Community Center
 - Halloween dance party 10/19
- **VP Updates**
 - **Events:** [volunteers](#) for Fall Family Festival
 - 10/17 event 5-7pm
 - Pumpkin decorating, games with prizes, cake walk (looking for donations/bakers)
 - Costume exchange / sports swap
 - Bake sale (for 5th grade culmination)
 - Hall Jazz band
 - Redwood HS band
 - Future event idea: rock wall?
 - Need volunteers (ie. popcorn machine, setup, clean-up, spirit wear sales, SPARK table)
 - Middle schoolers can get volunteer hours in
 - Don't have to sign up for full event - can just do part of it
 - **Campus Improvement/Cove Alive:** Karolin Phillips to present Cove landscape redesign
 - [School yard redesign](#) proposed - nature and shade needed for students
 - Goal: green school yards
 - Possible grants (ie. Cal Fire)
 - Plan to integrate nature into curriculum; balance of experiential learning and play
 - Gathering ideas and looking for help
 - Comment: parks & rec redoing park with shade component; EBB doing something with phase 4 area

- **Treasurer's Report:** reimbursement [form](#)
- **Parent Ed**
 - MCOE doing series of meetings on mental health and wellbeing for caregivers - 10/17 zoom meeting is 1st of the series
 - MCDS Lynn Lyons - "The Anxiety Audit" and another lady
 - Screenagers (screening with Neil Cummins) for kids and usage of screens - in December or sometime in Winter/Spring
 - Total for above within budget
 - Idea for "Community Reads" book club for parents; can do talk/discussion afterwards
 - Separate into groupings by grade level and do different topics
 - Align with Read-A-Thon? Plan to start in January
 - Marin Sheriff Heather White to speak re: social media
 - LCMSD board candidates - may do a zoom for public to meet them before election
 - Possible sex ed speaker and Who's Afraid of ADHD speaker
 - Not kid related: possible Job seeker night for parents?
 - Suggestion to involve Hall in parent ed as appropriate
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Friday, October 4**, Certified Work Day – No School
 - **Wednesday, October 9**, International Walk 'n Roll to School Day
 - **Thursday, October 17**, Fall Family Festival, 5-7pm, Cove *blacktop*
 - **Tuesday, October 29**, SPARK [Giving Day](#)
 - **Thursday, October 31**, Halloween
 - **Friday, November 1**, Professional Development Day – No School
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
 - Informational [Zoom](#), Thursday October 3rd, 6pm: *Meeting ID: 824 0358 3281, Passcode: 135583*
 - Board Meeting, Wednesday November 6th
 - Board Meeting, Wednesday December 4th