



Walnut Acres PFC General Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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7:00 p.m.	<u>Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions</u> Members present	Audrey Sensney
7:05 p.m.	<u>Approval of Last Months Meeting's Minutes</u> - Amy Thompson motion to approve, Amanda Regenstein second - Vote approved (all "yes") - motion passed	CC Pirtle/Stacey Lagala
<u>PFC Teacher Representative Reports</u>		
7:10 p.m.	- Stephanie Perham 5th grade: - no updates at this time 4th grade: 2 field trips before break - Wild Robot and John Muir Park 3rd grade: - Wild robot field trip and halloween activities, ghost math, writing (paragraph structure), social studies unit is about government - 3 branches work together and going to set up their own voting booth, kids will bring a pumpkin character that looks like a character from a book they are reading, looking forward to Halloween - Samantha Liebe 2nd grade: - Jelly belly factory trip, math unit 1 wrapped up, language arts unit wrapped up, looking forward to the next unit in Math and ELA (animal discoveries), looking forward to Halloween and note to parents to look out for more information to come from room/ room parents 1st grade: - Pumpkin life cycle unit, art - creating haunted houses and list for sale, science - objects in the sky (sky watchers unit), Smith Family farm field trip (great time), working on proper sentence structure, started to send home a book bag with decodable readers, Bridges unit 2 (using dice and dominoes) and fact families, looking forward to Halloween and walk-a-thon - Kindergarten:	Teacher Reports

	○ Letter sounds and sight words, Bridges unit 2 (patterns and numbers to 10), halloween parade and parties, spooky art projects ● TK: ○ Complete introduction to alphabet complete, focusing on 1 letter a week, learning about sorting, looking forward to doing projects and learning about pumpkins, bats, and speakers	
<u>Principal Report: State of our School</u>		
7:10p.m.	● 1st trimester ends next week - teachers working on report cards/ progress reports (2 weeks after end of trimester) ● New bike rack installed in front of school, still trying to figure out how to put another one near the WACC - limited space ● Minor vandalism this past weekend at school - neighborhood keep an eye out ● Still in line on playground floor redo, but no set timeline ● Monitoring car circle in the AM - help remind everyone that there should be no foot/ bike traffic through cars, and no parking across the street on Cerezo during dropoff/ pickup ● Morning/ afternoon, parents/ guardians please wait out front before the school bell rings if you arrive early ● Hiring ○ Office manager (Ms. Ortega promoted) - two weeks in the position - Interviewing for her replacement this week ○ Offered positions to 4 instructional assistants - going through HR over the next few weeks and hope to onboard and start asap ○ Also extended an offer for a noon supervisor ○ Hopeful that all positions will be filled by Thanksgiving <u>Questions:</u> ● Rules around drop off line...how can we communicate to the broader school? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ This has been included in the news letters, but will also potentially send out communication specific to this topic ■ Can also do telephone/ text to everyone - not sure if this has been done in the past (goes to Parent Square) ○ Audrey Sensney: ■ V-mail has been used in the past and appropriate for this ● Do we also address individuals directly in the moment if they do not follow the rules? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ This is done already, but will continue to do so, and will also touch base with WC police to continue their monitoring - put in a call this past week ● Are we considering purchasing more cones/ ropes? ○ Martha Thomas:	Principal Thomas

	■ Yes we are, and big signage - coming soon ● How is the staffing for lunch recess? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ Offer to noon supervisor is out, but hard situation given the 7.5 hours...they miss that it is weekly and they are not interested ■ Parent volunteers have been very helpful ■ Parents can also apply as a noon supervisor substitute and get paid for days they come - no one has signed up WA ● Cleanliness of lunch tables? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ Working with kids to clean up after themselves, but get cleaned once everyone is done ■ Working with custodial supervisor to potentially use pressure washer once a week ● Some challenges with kids having time to eat lunches? Common issue? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ Required to sit for first 20 minutes but also allow kids to stay later to eat their lunch if they need to - if there are issues, something that can be looked into ● Bike safety - electric scooters, some kids are aggressive? ○ Martha Thomas: ■ Need to walk on school campus regardless if the bike is electric or not	
<u>Happening Now: PFC Board Reports</u>		Committee Chairs
7:15 p.m	<u>President Update</u> ● Monte Carlo Night ○ 20 tickets remain for Monte Carlo Night ● Job/ Walk-a-thon ○ Coming up 11/7 and 99pledges email sent this week <u>Activities and Programs Update</u> ● Carnival Recap ○ Thank you to all who ran the event/ lots of volunteers ○ If any interest in running next year, please let PFC know ● Spirit Wear ○ Flash sale was very successful ○ Finalizing year around store - will go live next week (look for communications) ● Drive Thru ○ Safety Drive Through committee to begin in January 2025 ○ Jag Dads - Thank You! We'd love your help again ● Dine & Donate: The Kebab Shop (10/24/24) ○ 50% back to school - please go out and eat ● Community Service Day ○ Group looking to propose a new date/ activities and sent out a survey - more to come on this ● Assemblies ○ Still looking for co-lead - reach out to Stacey Lagala	CC Pirtle

	○ Diablo Street Smarts - bike safety (last week) ○ Mad Scientist - January (pre science fair) ○ Looking at additional assemblies ● Thanksgiving Food Drive (11/4-11/8) ○ More communication to come via Konstella Questions: ● Bike Safety Assembly - can this also include walking safety? ○ CC Pirtle: ■ Not sure if we have curriculum around this, but can add comments in our communication around drive though and safety updates ● 3rd year at school and noticed an uptick in substitutes - any insights on this trend? ○ Martha Thomas ■ Kinder/ 1st/ 2nd teachers are going through training right now on science of reading and that is entire school district (3 sessions, 1 left next month), explaining the recent substitutes, but should slow down after last session.	
<u>PFC Executive Reports</u>		
7:25 p.m	Treasurer ● Financial Report Out 2024-2025 ○ 50% of the Jag Fund Goal already achieved (corporate and parent donations) ○ Expenses are light so far this year ○ Operating expenses are mostly administrative related ○ Running at break even now but will run at a loss for the year - looking to spend cash on hand	Amy Thompson, Geoff Byron
7:40 p.m.	VP Community Relations ● New Fundraiser!: Save the Date for The Art Walk: Wed, 12/4/24, 5-8PM at The Orchards shopping plaza ○ Community building and fund raising event ○ Students will make art work in school and they will be displayed in different stores/ restaurant windows ○ Event night - 12/4/24 - give-aways/ give-backs/ live music/ etc.	Amanda Regenstein
7:42 p.m.	<u>Old Business/New Business</u>	Shauna Clements
7:51 p.m.	<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	Audrey Sensey

Dates for PFC General Meetings: 11/19, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20