

PTO Minutes

Wednesday, December 11th 2019

**Edits made February 9, 2020. Updated all instances of name to Yulia Stepanets*

Hosted via Video Conference Call

Arthi starts meeting at 7:05 pm

In Attendance:

Arthi Makhija
Wil Fluewelling
Stephanie Miller
Amritha Seshaadri
Azadeh Hawkinson

Kavita Jiandani
Ramya
Shawn Bonsen
Toni Porter
Melissa Maison

Big ticket items:

1. Motion to endorse parcel tax measure and cut \$999 check to the committee.
2. Treasurer update, Todd is out Yulia Stepanets is in.

Raising motions to vote board members

- Arthi called to motion to vote Yulia Stepanets in.

Ramya second the motion

Yes: Wil / Az / Kavita / Steph / Shawn / Toni / Melissa / Ramya / Arc

Agreement - Yulia Stepanets moved to co-treasurer

Kimberly will no longer be in role in January (THANK YOU KIMBERLY!! We'll miss you!)

Arthi raise the motion to vote Az in as Secretary

Amritha to second that

Yes: Wil / Ramya / Kavita / Shawn / Toni / Melissa / Steph / Arthi/ Az ;)

Parcel Tax

5 year parcel tax - \$125/Parcel tax

Renews the expiring Measure H

\$999 is an Administrative cost to get this on the ballot - Citizens for Great Cupertino Schools

Wil is the treasurer

Wil's Ask: We all endorse it, *and* motion to cut the \$999 check to the committee

The money will go for the mailers that will push for the measure to be on the ballot
This is an aggressive timeline, so will need to vote by January.

Turnaround for response for this

Entire PTA county council has already moved forward
Including all of the neighboring schools also are doing it.
Ideal is to have all 25 schools on board.

Wil's Proposal - first thing in January to have Lori present on this.

- *President Comments* - take the time to internalize and think about it before the vote. And take the vote to email.

Given that this may be viewed as a political campaign, we should be considerate of all of the bylaws.

Would like to have the board vote on it with parent conversation, funding it at a private citizen level, versus at the PTO

- echo'd across multiple board members to check about private funding
 - Check budget, and verify that this is line item planned for this.
 - Once verified, vote to cut this check.
- be mindful that given bylaws, we will need to make sure that we are representing our spend well.

What is the bylaw guidelines? How do we get the parent community to

We will need to provide to the parent community where the funds we have go, so we will want to be mindful of our spend. This included, should be considered as a fundraiser, since it is a district level

Is the ballot measure clear on what is the per student amount for our school?

Is there a trade off for fundraising efforts that we would have to take on to our school?

- *Principal Comments* - This will help close funding gap, and all for programs that directly affect what the PTO will have to fund in the future.

Schools cannot directly contribute because it's in their interest for it to pass.

- *Other Comments* - Kavita: Can we serve a notice saying that says without dispute/debates by xx/xx date, then the PTO will submit the funds to support this. Also provide ability to support direct funds.

Include tangible details that can be absorbed (i.e. \$90k a year)

ASK - take a few days to think about this ask. Then do a vote by email.

@Arthi to send a note out to our board by Sunday
@Wil to share some core details that can help

Room Parent Updates

Shawn / Becca

RP's have been nudged to:

- get started on holiday parties
- Amazon Wishlist
- Science Fair reminders

How are we feeling about RP getting all the information and knowing what to do with it?

Main issue is getting emails out

[az idea - create a checklist where everyone needs to send back initials / collaboration doc to know that it's been done. This will need someone that is tech savvy, and keeping on top of people]

Prep for Next Year: Need to identify all of the roles that will need people to take over.

In another 6 months we will be close to the end of the year, when we will lose Shawn. *Has there been someone nominated to shadow and step in.*

BP: Elizabeth Brandt may be interested, so Becca will check in.

Co-President nomination will need to come because Arthi and Wil no longer be on the board

- Arthi's 2 years are up
- Wil will be going to District board and can't be on it.

Treasurer / Ramya is also hitting her 2 years.

Toni - Teacher update

Thank you for all the breakfasts

Thanks to Shawn for helping her getting on Amazon Wishlist, and Arthy for Bluejeans help

Question - What can the teachers expect for the timeframe turnaround for checks/reimbursements?

What is an average turnaround? How can they know their status?
We'll commit to doing it within 2 weeks of them coming through.
Internally we have created a Drive to have it all centrally tracked.

Teachers get teacher allowance to use based on the guidelines.
Mini Grants need approvals.

A: Can we commit to doing it within 2 weeks of grants being approved?
Ramya confirmed yes.

Book Fair went so well this year, and was an event that everyone was looking forward to.

Melissa - Principals Update

- Thursday is the Board Listening Session, at Kennedy @6pm
- District sent out a survey to the Parents for facility master plans. "Facility Master Plan Survey"

This is something the district is trying to look at all of the facilities to see the positives, what is going well, and what are the areas that need updating and need change, or net new asks.

Based on feedback, the district can make a master plan

In January, Melissa will have a map and PTO can provide input, and will be available in the Office up to then to provide details.

- Report cards just wrapped up.
- Teachers have been doing 3rd training for Reading Curriculum.

Misc

- Book bags are here! ;)

Arthi call close to meeting at 8:05pm

In closing - spend time thinking about parcel tax, Arthi will send a thread, and

THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

