



Cove PTO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 | 8:30-9:30am

[Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 846 4109 9913, Passcode: 230263

- **Call Meeting to Order** - 8:32am
- **Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from December 2024** - all approved
- **President's Report**
 - Gratitude: Holiday Store, Secret Snowflake, Readathon, Variety Show, Green Schoolyards
 - Holiday Store was a success!
 - Secret Snowflake - teachers loved their gifts! We have leftovers available for purchase
 - Readathon is in motion
 - Variety Show - registration closes on Friday
 - Green Schoolyards team built 5 garden beds this weekend
 - 1) Garden [help](#); 2) [Book Swap](#) and Cove Cafe sign ups
 - Need volunteers to help - see links above
- **VP Updates**
 - Readathon—link to website [here](#)
 - Book bags and info went home on Monday
 - Donations at ~\$9k so far
 - Book swap on Friday in gallery; assembly ends at 8:45am, then classes come through
 - Cove Cafe on 1/23 in music room; bringing in hot chocolate and each class can come read and have hot chocolate and read for a bit
 - Variety Show—link to website [here](#)
 - Registration ends Friday
 - Rehearsal sign ups need to be in by next Friday
 - Need volunteers to help!
 - Parent Ed—Screenagers 1/28 @ the Lark Theater, 6:30pm (more info coming from Parent Square)
 - RSVP coming thru Dr. Geithman soon
 - Producer Lisa Tab will speak afterwards
 - Neil Cummins, Hall, and Cove
 - Green Schoolyards—Community Work Day Saturday 1/25, 9am to 12pm
 - Stumps from the tree that fell on Paradise during the storm
 - New garden beds
 - Work day on 1/25 9am-12pm - if you have Hall kids who need service hours, come out!
- **Principal Walker Update**



- Readathon has begun
 - Music Shares - parents invited to be in music classroom in the coming weeks; not a performance; see the lesson and a share of what they're doing in music
 - Shout out to Lindsay Hess - the newspaper is great!
 - Tours for new families - 1 more live tour in January and another zoom coming up
 - The district has an AI exploration committee - exploring how teachers can do their jobs better and give more/better feedback; assist with preventing teacher burnout
 - Looking ahead at the budget; not anticipating a lot of changes. We have a balanced budget. Study session is asking us if there were more money, what would we prioritize for.
- **SPARK Update:** *Marina Thompson/Jaime Heaps*
 - Need hosts for auction, especially from Cove, parents and kids parties
 - Starting solicitation for auction
 - Auction 3/13-3/16
 - Gala tickets on sale on 1/22
 - Gala on 3/29 - save the date and get your tickets!
 - Question: do teachers attend?
 - **Teacher Representative Update:** *Lindsay Hess*
 - Kids are super excited about the readathon!
 - Thank you for the swag!
 - Need paper ordered for the Cove Chronicle
 - Suggestion: Ram Printing does discounted printing for schools

Community engagement- tmrw @ 7:45 for teachers - Noah's bagels

- **LCMSD Trustee Update:** *Eric Schmautz*
 - December meeting highlights:
 - celebrated Annie, who left the board; swore in Beth and Ava as new trustees (4-yr); Amir selected as President; Beth as VP; Natalie as clerk;
 - Approved LCMSD Vision and reviewed first interim budget; budget study workshop upcoming; question is "what we would want to do differently in upcoming years"
 - Standards based grading at Hall - board looking at implementation; got first feedback/pulse survey from parents/students/staff. Want to implement it in a way that makes it the most actionable
 - Starting January, review of data learning labs - tier 1 programming/curriculum - review data and support for teachers
 - January board meeting in a few weeks; budget workshop in February
 - All welcome to come to board meeting with questions or share feedback
- **Corte Madera Parks & Rec:** *Sydney Bliss* Sign up for new Winter classes [here!](#)
 - New registration system up and running
 - Planning for summer now
 - Royal Ball coming up - February 7th - parent child event with dinner, dancing, dj
 - Painted bins will be up in the community soon
- Dr Geithman updates



- Safety update:
 - Had meeting with architect who designed Cove and modernized NC and Hall
 - Approval to sketch out fencing options for all 3 sites
 - Discussing potential fencing options
 - Anticipate getting plans this month or next, then will schedule community meeting for each school
 - Hanover and Keenan assessment - moving thru recommendations
 - Controlled access - camera out front with way to communicate with office staff to be buzzed in; School staff will have access to enter without being buzzed in
 - Idea to funnel community to front office to enter school
- Debrief on tsunami response
- Budget update - 1st interim report presented at December meeting (thru 10/31); board and district have done a lot of work over the years to have a balanced budget; looking at 3-year projection, we are balanced in year 3 (deficit spending this year and next, but intentionally so); on target with the plan.
- TK - plan to continue not to offer; College of Marin has offerings for families with CSPP funding; wrote to ask for funding for basic aid districts for TK
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - January 10 | Kick off Readathon School Assembly | Book Swap | Bingo play begins at 3pm!
 - January 10 | [Variety Show](#) Registration Ends
 - January 20 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed--No School
 - January 21 | Bedtime Story via Zoom with Principal Michelle Walker plus Bedtime Story in Spanish with Parent Glenda Lugo, [Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 863 6311 1610, Passcode: 375882
 - January 24 | Week 2 Assembly | Raffles and announcement of Week 2 fundraising | Guest Author Sam Sattin | Pajama Day
 - January 25 | Green Schoolyards Community Work Day, 9am to 12pm, *Cove Blacktop*
 - February 7 | Ruby Bridges walk to School and Assembly
 - February 14 | Valentine's Day Run (Rescheduled Turkey Trot), *Cove Blacktop*
 - February 17-21 | President's Day/Mid Winter Break--No School
 - March 7 | Professional Development Day--No School
 - March 21 | Cove Variety Show, 6-8pm, *Neil Cummins Gym*
 - March 26 | Tinker Day
 - March 29 | [SPARK](#) Gala
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
 - February 5 | PTO Board Meeting, 8:30-9:30, *Cove Library* or [Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 857 5805 4708, Passcode: 672910
 - March 5 | PTO Board Meeting, 8:30 to 9:30, *Cove Library* or [Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 837 6364 2811, Passcode: 806552

Adjourned at 9:40am