

RDMPA Meeting Notes – 8-24-23

President's updates, Laura:

- Kinder orientation:
 - Coffee & snacks
- Coffee first day, may not do next year since Ice Cream Social was so successful
 - Feedback: It was fantastic, more accessible than morning coffee
- Ice Cream Social
- This Saturday Aug 26, game at Monterey Union Football Club - lots of schools there for Back to School night
- Auction in the spring: People parking in the spots that were auctioned off, so considering adding permanent metal signs
- Spirit wear: Ran competition for 5th graders to design new logo. Sold out of a lot of sizes already in the new designs.
- Coresta working on movie night: Poll going out this week with Seahawk news & Rio Minders to pick the movie. Two popcorn machines owned by schools. We have many supplies already, will need support during event. Suggestions? Start approx 7:15, last weekend in September
- Drive for Schools: Victoria: County-wide program sponsored by Boardwalk. Every dollar goes to school. Lots of prizes available in a range. Considering online vs non-online sales. Paying through BetterWorld, same as auction, then we only pay credit card fees, but not processing fees. Need donations for prizes and help stuffing. Prizes for top sellers.
- Harvest Festival: Kyra, Sandra, Laura leading planning. If you want to participate, send email to Laura - week before – Can solicit teens to volunteer for volunteer hours. But we need more parents than teens to volunteer though.

Principal's updates, Meghan:

- Construction project: Getting new stairs because the stairs weren't level, so people were falling down. Waiting for timeline from district. Will go in the Rio Minders. Once complete, then will start on ramps. Took out a tree between rooms 1, 2, and 3. Will help with accessibility.
- Full-day kinder: Lots of prep and planning going into that to schedule and order supplies to set up for success. Kinder teachers are doing well thanks to all the planning that went into it. A few tweaks: Started year with all kinder kids on the same playground, tried splitting. Now, kids will be up at the top primary playground, since it's age 4 and up. 3rd/4th lunch will move down. Encouraging kinder parents to say goodbye either in the car line or down at the bottom playground. That will help with the kids having a hard time separating at the top of the playground.
- Opened new 2nd grade class on this past Monday - 12 new students, not all in 2nd grade.
- Art teacher started this week, Irene Bustamonte, from Santa Cruz Arts Council in room 9. Serving kinder all year, then 4/5/6 1st half of the year, then adding 1/2/3.
- Next week starts Life Lab. K-5 once a week during school day, then all afterschool kids will have the opportunity. 6th grade isn't participating during school day since grant serves K-3
- Health office shifted to main office, which has health office built into it. Kids can access restroom, sink available.
- Patrick Lynch: New VP!
- Maker's space? An idea from a parent. Something to discuss with Meghan.

Budget, Kevin:

Business checking: 122,963.94

Business Market Rate Savings - 26,085.18

- Moving into this year, philosophy is spend down as a non-profit and put this back into the community.
- Idea is to spend more than we plan to bring in
- Voting on budget: Everyone in attendance gets to vote. Majority wins. If you have an idea, bring it to the table for a vote
- Proposed budget:
 - o Donations \$14k
 - o Fundraisers: \$51,500
 - Run for Rio: Confirmed, \$3k
 - Drive for Schools, \$15k
 - Spring Event (Auction) \$20k
 - Bubble Run \$5k
 - Restaurant Nights \$3,500
 - See's Candy \$5k
 - o Community Building & Misc Support: No goal, set as \$0; made about \$5,500 last year
 - Not considered fundraiser, just a fun event for families
 - Harvest Festival
 - Spirit Wear
 - Movie Night doesn't show up here because there are expenses associated with it
 - o Rebate - \$700
 - Amazon - no go forward
 - Life Touch - yearbook - \$700
 - Other (boxtops)
 - o Interest Rates: \$220
 - Bay Fed CU Account - \$100
 - Wells Fargo - \$120
 - Questions: Can we use high yield account? We probably could, but issue there is we're not all registered at the bank, and plan is to spend, so funds need to be accessible via check.
 - o Net Income: \$66,420 this year projected
- Expenses:
 - o School Support - \$37,300
 - Classroom Funds - \$5800 - 1 extra classroom
 - Teachers submit receipts to Kevin for reimbursement - covers for what Palace doesn't have
 - Laura: Need to add \$200 for additional classroom
 - Teacher supplies - \$12,600 - 1 extra classroom
 - Can use for Palance Arts
 - Laura: Need to add \$600 for additional classroom
 - We use Palace primarily for classroom supplies

- Question: Donate direct to RDMPA instead of directly to teachers? Yes, plan is for us to supply that via RDMPA. Asking teachers to not request supplies directly to parents. Room parents will still request funds directly for things like teacher gifts and class parties.
- Book funds: Need to add \$200 - 2nd grade class – Solicit teachers for list of books, we fund the order
- Yard Duty - Shouldn't be going up. Covers permanent employees who are subbing - we have more people with fewer hours, since our yard duty are parents. Can't pay for more than 19.5 hours a week because they don't get benefits. Volunteers welcome.
- Supply cart: \$5k, new this year. Cleaning supplies & technology (e.g., headphones). Already spent about half, including cart and starting to distribute. Headphones for every student.
- Entry marquee sign: \$5k: Laura got a few estimates. Old fashioned marquee would go up on right side of parking lot. Aluminum sign, includes labor to install. Once we agree to it, then we work with designer. Estimate is for entry-level. Installation within a month. Meghan checking if we need permits
- o Student Enrichment: \$65,922k
 - Core support: \$10k approved last year. Jen Christensen, teacher at Rio, is .4 employee, able to work 50% - willing to work .1 more with Parent Alliance funds. For that extra hour, thinking she'll support new 2nd grade class
 - Golden Hawks & Upstander (PBIS) Positive Behavior Intervention Support:
 - Golden Hawk - monthly assembly, each teacher gives 4 awards for each value.
 - Upstander: 1 for whole school: Gets a party for their class
 - Periodicals; Studies Weekly, Times for Kids, Scholastic, etc
 - Campus beautification/garden - Mr Kyle uses it to tidy up the campus
 - Math Festival & STEAM week:
 - Engage New York Math Supplements - \$6k + \$1400 for missing books & new second grade. If we didn't fund this, it would go to district curriculum. Engage NY is used for grades 2, 3, 4, 5
 - Science Fair (new): Budget is to make it more like an event. Optional, not required. We didn't have a great turnout last year, about 19 kids. Don't want to make it mandatory, but could be more like science fair + science night with activities, or switching to Invention Convention. Also to provide judges lunch. Is there a prize to incentivize? 4th, 5th, 6th, winners can move on to county and then national science fair.
 - Cultural Day - Maybe March? Kellie to look more into it, potentially work with Patrick - may take it out today and bring back up once we know more what the cost will be - decision is to leave it in
 - Life Lab - voted on shed which is up. We also have a grant for it - not sure how much funding they need beyond the grant. We could order more shelves for the shed.
 - Park setup (benches, etc) - Laura will email interim superintendent for date. Suggest we take it out of the budget for now
 - Soccer goals - they're here, just not installed. Going up on primary yard. Meghan to submit work order to secure them.

- Kinder Shed - new addition: Realizing kinder yard area isn't big enough, so one idea is putting in a work order to remove the tiny storage shed, and then purchasing a quarter shed - doesn't have to be this year
 - Play Works - New initiative where team is trained to learn games that you teach in P.E. for recess. Funding is to supplement balls etc as things get lost. This would be supplemental for supplies.
 - Goal Parties (AR, math parties)
 - Upper Grade Student Party - Taking it out
 - Art teacher
 - Friends' Club
- o Staff Enrichment: \$14,200
 - Release time
 - Professional development
 - Materials/PE
 - Teacher/Staff appreciation
 - Staff luncheon
- o Community Building & Misc Support: \$5,250
 - Kinder Meet & Greet
 - Movie Night - trying to keep this a break-even kind of thing and not to raise funds
 - Volunteer Appreciation
 - NEST Parent Inclusion & Education
 - K & 6th grade promotion - Want to include Kinder, so adding funds
 - Music Showcases - Music teacher is going to do winter showcase in the winter, and probably the Spring too
 - Ice Cream Truck last week of school
 - Ice Cream Social - First week of school – actual was pretty close to budget of \$750
- o Non budgeted board approved: \$1500
 - Catch all for things that don't fit into categories above. Still board-approved. LY went over, new bike racks, banner in pickup/dropoff that came from Site Council. They don't have money, so we paid for it, so suggestion is to give Site Council its own line item so we don't have to approve what they've already approved. Typically site council works with school budget, which is low for Rio. Other ideas: Keep Site Council funds under non-budgeted board approved items, but increase the budget to \$5k.
- o Administrative Expenses: \$1,959
 - Bank charges & fees
 - Insurance
 - Office supplies
 - Website
 - Smore
 - Betterworld (new, used for auction, paid for through auction fund. This year, add as expense and use for several events)
 - Cleaner system
 - Admin Other
- o Total Expenses: \$128,631
- Vote: Kevin makes motion to approve budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year, Laura seconds. Any opposed: No. Motion carries.

Attendees

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