



Walnut Acres PFC General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19 September 2023

Minutes

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Minutes		
7:00 p.m.	<u>Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions</u> - Members present (see attached) - Thank you to our Volunteers	Audrey Sensney
7:05 p.m.	<u>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</u> <u>(Approved End of 2023 School Year)</u>	CC Pirtle
<u>Principal's Report: State of Our School</u>		
7:10 p.m.	- Great Start to School year - feels exciting - fun - Math Leadership roles in 4th and 5th grade - working on best practices for teaching math. (Mrs Mazon, Miss Myers) - BTSN Reading assessments complete for the beginning of the year 1 of 5 schools in MDUSD who are participating in a Contra Costa Council literacy grant - called "project arise" - providing tools and resources to learn about the science and practice of reading. Assembling a TK-3 team to work on this. - School Safety Team Committee - new members looking at site safety - New Hires inc noon monitor - Conference Week - first 2 weeks of October - Ask your teacher the questions you have about your student. - Parents to reach out directly, visit the office if you want to connect on any matters to do with your student or the school.	Principal Ashton
<u>PFC Teacher Representative Reports</u>		
7:15 p.m.	5th grade - Students are studying Autobiographical Sketch - Stars, States, American Indians, Culture Book,	Teacher Reports

	• Getting ready for camp! 4th grade • taking math assessment, Exploring rocks & models of the Earth in Science, • Planning 6 field trips and figuring out donations for those trips. 3rd Grade • Building classroom community • Math - number lines, Writing - understanding complete sentences and understanding writing stamina • Annual Arcade day - Sept 28 - coming up - games created in cardboard • Wake up, Shake up morning - Staff will be outside to cheer the kids on and be greeted by their teachers TK-2 Grade • Samantha Levy - new 1st grade teacher • Thank you to the amazing teacher lunch provided a few weeks ago - much appreciated. 2nd Grade • learning about Hispanic Heritage Month • looking forward to their first field trip to the Jelly Belly Factory 1st Grade • Popsicle Party to round off Unit 1 in Math assessment next week. • Narrative writing - has begun, they will write their own book • Looking forward to Art Awareness lessons & continue on to narrative writing, first field trip to Smith Family Farm in October Kindergarten • Practicing sounds and letter formation • 1st cooking in kinder lesson • Art awareness and apple science TK • Practicing letter formation and lots of fall activities.	Stephanie Perham & Samantha Levy
<u>Happening Now: PFC Board Reports</u>		Committee Chairs
7:25 p.m	<u>Activities and Programs Update</u> • Spiritwear - Purchase NOW! ◦ launched new design spirit wear with new motto - learn grow belong • Carnival - Sept 30th 4-7pm ◦ 200 tickets sold ◦ looking for volunteers for: ■ concessions ■ MC for Cake Walk ■ Dessert donations • Dine and Donate at Jack's Urban Eats - Sept 26th • Calicraft Parent Social Night - Sept 29th • Community Service Day - Oct 14th - Brendan Byrd ◦ Entire Walnut Creek volunteer day	CC Pirtle co-chair VP Activities

	○ 100+ volunteers last year - redid kindergarten area ○ New projects for this year - putting those together ○ Big Asks - if there is something you want to see done - get in contact! ○ Volunteers needed - ○ Family Sign ups! ○ People with Trucks - drive to dumpsters ○ Contact Darren Stillwell and Brendan Byrd to get involved or to suggest a volunteer project at the school (Contact via Konstella)	
<u>PFC Executive Reports</u>		
7:40 p.m	Treasurer ● BvA 22-23 ○ report shared with participants on the call ● Update of Strategic Spending Items from 22-23 ○ Approved items voted upon ■ increase in reading & math intervention specialists - increased from .4 to .8 and .4 to .6 All roles to be supported at .8 for 2024 ■ Murals - \$1500 for student murals at Walnut Acres (on hold due to last year's painting. There will be a 4th & 5th grade contest for mural painting after November in conjunction with the student council (Student-Teacher led). ■ Steam Supplies - All grade levels - on Hold pending new science/Stem Teachers. Will purchase those items when an updated list is provided ■ New PE equipment \$5K - approved and purchased ■ Additional Spending for this year ● Instructional Aides ● Art Lead ● 5th Grade Camp fund ● Budget 23-24 Review ○ Auction - budget raised for this year ○ Carnival - community building activity ○ Jag Fund - leads exceeded expectations ○ Expenses - Staffing - biggest expense ○ Fundaneed - 21st Century Furniture (some leftover) ○ & Playworks playground spending ○ Exceeded fundraising goal from last year - making sure money goes back to the school community	Amy Thompson Co-Treasurer
	VP Community Relations ● Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk ○ New Fundraiser for Walnut Acres - 24 years downtown in Walnut Creek. 3 hours pass to walk around 21 restaurants in downtown Walnut Creek	Amanda Regenstein

	○ Hope to show up in our Spirit Wear to showcase our Jaguar School Pride! ○ Tickets are on sale now via Konstella ○ All funds raised from the ticket sales will be placed in a community fund to help support our school Hope Families & Families in need.	
7:50 p.m.	<u>Old Business/New Business</u> ● TK/K Child Care/Expanded Hours - Billie Brown & Magdalena Reyes (parents) ○ Parents are looking for solutions for aftercare due to long waitlist at the daycare and KG hours ○ there is a Konstella chat group for parents to discuss finding solutions for extended care for the students ○ Working with Daycare and the School to try and create more spaces ○ writing letters to the school board to highlight the issue of lack of school places. ○ Thank you to Principal Ashton for her support thus far. ○ Short Term Solution for current year - ■ Gained transportation for After school care to another site that has after school care (because of the overflow transfer kids) ■ Request for parents to reach out to the district to push the agenda on the daycare places ■ Sample letters have been created so parents can email the district directly ■ Konstella Group - Explorations of Expanded Childcare Access - please reach out & join. ■ Survey of parents to ask about expanded care (Principal Ashton). ● Front Office Support/Volunteers ○ Volunteers for the office discussed due to concerns for the lack of a dedicated site nurse. ■ State of California - Funded role ■ District nurse is assigned every Friday to help kids with their medications. ■ On a regular basis, schools do not have full time nurses. ■ minor injury training complete for onsite staff to reduce number of kids in the office ■ Does not feel the office is impacted more than others (LA) ● Lunch volunteers ■ We are always in need of lunchtime volunteers and the best place is the playground (LA) - please sign up! ● Request to move Teacher Rep Reports to Start of Meeting	Audrey Sensney

	■ (approved) ○ School Site Council Vote ■ - Still open ● Jag Dads -Jag Dads group “Cool guys who like to hang out and do stuff” ■ Jag Dads- interested in giving time to the school and hang out/connect on Jag info ■ Meeting at Calicraft Brewery - regular dates ■ Opportunities to volunteer and offer organized activities around PE, Games, managed activities ■ How to promote this group within the WAES Community (Reach out to Shauna Clemmons) ● Crossing Guards - qualified for 3rd crossing guard on Wiget and Walnut ○ City of Walnut Creek - in charge of crossing guards - LA has emailed the city of walnut creek for an update to see when this position will be hired/in place). ○ Concerns re crossing guards - please reach out to Lauren directly and she will forward to the city of Walnut Creek <u>Winnie - Walkathon/ Jogathon - Volunteers needed</u>	Mark du Bois
8:00 p.m.	<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	Audrey Sensney

Dates for PFC General Meetings: 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 1/23, 2/20, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21