

Brittan Acres PTA Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - 3:00 PM - Zoom

- PRINCIPALS UPDATE
- PTACC Report/Voice of the Village - **Stephanie & Theresa**
- ACTON ITEMS & UPDATES
 - Thank yous - Make sure all Chairs and Committees receive a thank you note
 - Outgoing Board Members Brief Incoming Board Members: Welcome/Introductions
 - Still recruiting for next year; open roles
- EVENT REPORTS:
 - Past Events
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - SCEF Day - Make it Happen in May! - **Katy/Samira**
- UPCOMING EVENTS
 - Book Fair - **Jenny**
 - End of year parties: 3rd G/TK-2
- OTHER DISCUSSIONS
 - Volunteer Appreciation
- ADJOURN: LAST PTA Meetings: Tuesday, June 8 @ 6pm. At Burton Park picnic tables (Exec Board and incoming Executive Board only)

PTACC General Meeting

Date: May 5, 9am – 10am

Healthy Cities Tutoring – Karen Molinari

- Almost 370 students matched with tutors this year and still going strong. Going great.
- End of year evals distributed in the end of May
- May 26 volunteer recognition event. All online; only 30 minutes. Please save the date
- Planning for next year; hoping to return to campus for live tutoring next year
- Working with superintendent to work on their agreement for next year; hope for the program to be worked back into PTA budgets again next year. They need local funding for both their budget and to show grantors that the program is valued
- The ask is \$3000 per PTA; but they'll take whatever they can get
- There are paid roles available at Healthy Cities; work on the school year so very flexible

Elementary Principal Update

- Pam Jasso – Everyone really appreciates all the efforts PTAs are going to for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Kinder Orientations taking place. Good to do it live; was recorded last year
- Working with third grade teachers on fun end of year recognition
- Getting new furniture to accommodate distancing next year

Upper Elementary Principal Update

- Mindy Shelton – Much the same as lower elementary
- Involved in testing most of the day but also providing some fun stuff at the end of the day once they've finished the tests
- Assemblies coming up so kids get excited about coming to upper elementary
- End of year talent show, fully student run. Over 30 Arroyo students signed up to share their talent
- Also getting new furniture for next year. New stuff will be here by early June
- Old furniture is going through the district disposal process. Some of it will be stored and used later. Some will be donated; some will be recycled

Middle School Principal Update

Tom Domer – Thanks for all the love at teacher appreciation week. Very fun

- Setting up kids with “web leaders” from lower grades with those from upper grades to help them adjust to new school, etc.

- Doing ASB elections now to develop new leaders
- Working a video talent show (like a YouTube talent show)
- Planning to have Field Days for fun end of the year activities
- Promotion ceremony planning in the works; thinking about fun ways to send kids off to high school
- In the middle of state testing, too. Central starts next week; TL started this week

School Board update

- Will announce new superintendent tomorrow night (Over 25 stakeholder meetings were held to gather input before decision made)
- Tomorrow will be Carol's last meeting. She's been on the board for 9 years

Superintendent's update – Dr. Michelle Harmeier

- Fully committed to coming back full time in the fall. Same bell schedule as we were on before Covid
- Principals have done a great job getting everything done to support return to school; ordering furniture, making plans, etc.
- Class sizes will likely go down. We are staffing as needed. We started posting for teacher positions two months ago. Starting to make offers already. Still more hiring to do
- Almost ready to announce a replacement for Alex Friel
- For next year, electives will not be the same as they were. But what will change and how it will change is not finalized
 - Tom: update on planning. Changes are less about Covid and more about a drop in enrollment (budget). Online electives would only happen if that is what people wanted.
 - Plan to continue music, art, Spanish, etc.
 - The one thing that is different is there will be no zero period, which would have given the opportunity to take another elective (Central)
 - TL/Mariposa has gone up in enrollment, so they are waiting on CDC guidelines for what gatherings will have to look like
- Question: Any guidance on gatherings next year; what will that look like? From small to large?
 - Have to expect that we'll still be masking, having stable groups of students, and avoid large gatherings. This is from Nancy Magee; her advice at least through January of next year
 - This means back to school night next year will be virtual, too
 - Don't have an answer for what parents can do re: getting together for a mixer at the beginning of the year
- Will cohorts go away? Regular classroom will be considered a co-hort
- Question: is there a decision on librarians? No decision yet, but being considered as part of the one-time and ongoing funds discussion. Tomorrow night is an important milestone in these discussions. On the 20th there will be a move to adopt a plan
 - Weighing class size against learning specialists, counseling, etc.
- One-time funds from state. Part of the requirements is to have a robust engagement process. Hans elaborated:

- We are getting about 50% response rate from parents; very high
- Also getting feedback from teachers. Will be student survey for 4 – 8 graders
- Lisa Ceasario led the engagement process with the various groups
- This Thursday they will present ideas to the Board for feedback for how to best use these funds

8. SCEF Report – Kathy Parmer-Lohan

- Virtual gala went so well. We raised \$400K in 1.5 hours. Silent auctions went well, too. We are double where we expected to be!
- Huge thanks to Debbie, Chris, Roberta, Stephanie, Scott
- Still have \$800K to raise to be able to give the district what we've promised
- Able to invite incoming families which we've never been able to do before, so it became a story telling moment, too
- Science video about fund a need available on the SCEF website. This has been fully funded!