



**Ocean Beach Elementary PTA
PTA General Association Meeting Minutes**

**September 5, 2023
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Attendance in OBE Auditorium: Stephanie Trimis, Nick Trimis, Sara Holden, Ellen Chang-Weidig, Jessica Hurley, Mike Hurley, SJ Sopotnick, Jodi Cooper, Eeva Alminar, Veronica Guzman, Nicole Arthur, Angelika Oliver, Mandy Havlik, Kate Smyres, Olof Peturisdottir, Liz Levitt, Michelle Grabel, Hanan Whitsell, Lance Orken, Ninette Kinkead, Allison Flaherty, Emily Brehmer, Carrie Sharp, Paul Dimiton, Ben Lucas, Geoffry Matranga, Molly Stewart, Nathan Freischlag, Julie Celebi, Karina Berry, Megan McQueen, Charles Craft, Kim Winslow, Tiffany Abruzzo, Frank Squert, Lauren Whittier, Tyler Whitter, Melinda Therkalsen, Lauren Price, Stefanie Graves, Renne Catalano Gussman, Monica Squeri, Maribel Chavez, Lee Ellett, Nelly Chacon, Brett Garner, Chenayle Hatfield, Leanne Tanner, Jocelyne Zaldivar, Camille Hyatt, Katie Hickman, Christy Robbins, Marco Drapeau, Shae Cannon

Called to Order at 5:31 p.m.

Principal Report - Mr. Drapeau

- Back to School Night at 5 p.m. Title 1 in Auditorium then 5:30 & 6:05 start times for classrooms
- Playgrounds on track for completion - construction during school hours to complete ASAP - K1/K2 1st
- Ways to Contribute - PTA, School Site Council 1/mo via Zoom (Addresses Title 1 Funding), School Governance Team (Addresses policy and procedures, ex. new software - not connected to Title 1)
- Running Club will begin once construction is done

Teacher Report - Molly Stewart

- Thank you for this year's awesome events so far!
- Return forms ASAP

Presentation of the new board members

- Open positions - VP Volunteers, Expressive Kids, Skate for the Kids

Ratification of new board members - Stephanie Trimis Moves to approve new board members, Stefanie Graves Seconds the Motion - Unanimous Approval of the PTA

- Financial Reviewer - Chenayle Hatfield
- Fall Festival Chair - Shae Cannon
- Community Builders Chair - Sara Holden
- Campus Beautification Chair - Corrine Yarborough

Language program request process (Christy Robbins)

- Need 20 students per grade / 30 per school
- Language Options Request Form - Turn into Principal (Fill out form for each child)
- Options Immersion, FLES, FLEX (an elective type situation)
- Reasonable Timeline - Per Marco Drapeau, much longer than you can reasonably expect; could take a year or two to get a Spanish teacher (for a Flex type program)

[2023/24 Calendar](#) Approval - Jessica Hurley moves to approve as presented -

Unanimous approval of the PTA

- Family Dining Night (City Tacos tentatively 9/20 & 21) - Family/OBE Community Dining with flex percentage supporting our PTA
 - Handprint Art only on 9/20 & 21

Fall Festival Update (Shae Cannon)

- Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets at Back to School Night
- Wristbands for children ages 3 and up

Treasurer Report

- [2023/24 Budget](#) Approval - Stefanie Graves moves to approve budget - Unanimous approval of PTA
 - Balance on Hand Approx. \$164K / Goals of transparency and spending the surplus for the year
 - Changes since sent with agenda - Hospitality for PTA meeting \$150, Library Coin drive \$, Fall Festival Budget \$2K
 - Doubled amounts for teachers and increased amounts for other staff
 - Survey on how to spend the surplus
 - Question on paying for Spanish out of the PTA surplus - per Marco Drapeau 3 year commitment
 - Subsidized after school program? Needs to be an approved vendor
 - Swim program? - someone needs to be willing to write the grant (must be an OBE employee), last year weather was an issue
 - Can we upgrade the sound system? We have to wait for the next association (currently 1/24) meeting for new line items.
- Release of funds - Nick Trimis moves to approve all funds for the fiscal year - Unanimous approval of the PTA
- Feedback survey for surplus of funds

Corporate sponsorship idea Annie Lopiccolo presented by Sara Holden

- Board would love the feedback from the association - example is included in the distributed packet
- Must be school appropriate - ex. no alcohol
- 3 parents voiced opposition to corporate sponsorships - Mr. Drapeau in favor of this partnership if done right (example Sunset View entrance)

Coffee Sponsorship - \$25 is the cost to a family or business

OB Public Library Expansion - Fall '24

Questions

- Is there a list of approved vendors that could be shared with the PTA association?
 - Needs to be a vetted, credentialed program (licensed, bonded and insured)
 - Marco Drapeau will reach out for this list
 - Molly Stewart - most of the approved vendors are arts organizations (6 or 7)
 - Museum of Photographic Arts?
- Expansion in after school programs?
 - Yes, however very selective since we've had programs without sufficient structure in prior years
 - Competes for space with PrimeTime and Character Builders
 - Teachers must also be willing to make their classrooms available
 - Current opportunities pushed out through Peachjar flyers via email
- Yearbooks?
 - Yes, we will have a yearbook this year.

Closing/Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

NEXT MEETING (1/9/24 Location TBD)