

PTA Meeting minutes

September 1, 2015

Board Members Present: Shelly Barratt, Suzanne Vandenberg, Mike Doleac (left at 8:40), Amy O'Reilly

The meeting commenced at 8:20am.

Shelly welcomed everybody and introduced the board to the members.

- She gave a demo of the webpage and encouraged everybody to use it
- Reminded about PTA newsletter and to enroll if not getting it
- Encouraged folks to use the community bulletin board

Mr. Gomez gave a brief welcome. New staff includes Amanda West DLI English side 1st grade. Kara Cook for non-DLI 1st grade. Hope Malloy is covering the class now while Kara is on maternity leave. Kara Wales, was ELL Specialist, is back in classroom in 2nd grade non-DLI. Alisa Oakley, was Special Ed., is back in the classroom in 3rd grade non-DLI. Noemi Bonilla is the new 3rd grade DLS Spanish teacher. The new teachers are off to a great start.

Noemi is new to the country and has limited furniture. If you have things around that you can give her, let David know.

Ms. Waugaman our guidance counselor is holding a coffee hour once a month. Last Monday of the month 8am Teachers' Lounge starting in September in ENGLISH. Last Friday of the month 10/2 8am Teachers' Lounge in SPANISH. These are parent forums to address whatever concerns you have.

Mr. Gomez introduced the new specialist rotation calendar to which dance and art have been added this year. This will help us to educate the whole child AND organize our day. Thanks to Park City Education Foundation for funding these new specialists. The new setup makes the groups smaller as well. Recall that last year we started to mix kids up (between homerooms and DLI/non) for the specialist rotations.

He discussed the Fun Friday setup and how it will allow time for teacher training as well as encourage kids to complete their assignments and homework.

Don't be afraid to make an appointment to discuss any concerns with Mr. Gomez. Also you can catch him on the playground during lunch recess daily.

Aides have been assigned to each grade level. P-30 time: Testing and assessment illuminate student needs and we use all of our specialists for small student groups to address any concerns. This is built-in time for teachers to do special testing or instruction as the aides and specialists

help with the class small groups. Reyna Velazquez has moved into this role. Sheila Kirst is now working at the front desk. Dawn Rametta has moved into the reading intervention specialist role.

The school year is off to a great start.

Mike reviewed the 15-16 PTA budget. We had \$8,700 left over at the end of last year. We also have a planned surplus for this year. If you have ideas for how to spend this money please send them to us. He discussed that we are in terrific financial shape this year.

Julie Eihausen and JJ Ehlers from the PCSD Board of Education gave a presentation.

Their visit was to address questions about school district plans, most notably the capital spending plans to address deteriorating buildings and student growth. JJ introduced the board's new mission. Then she showed student growth and building capacity. Please see the presentation and information sheet for further information http://www.pcschools.us/woad-local/media/board/2011_master_plan.pdf and <http://www.pcschools.us/index.php?page=377> and <http://www.pcschools.us/index.php?page=379>

Citizen committees are being formed in order to address specific pieces of the project. Today was the deadline to get involved. If you have input, contact those serving on the various committees. Information is available on the district website: www.pcschools.us as well as on the district Facebook page.

The district will host more community forums. Look for notices on their website and in the newsletter.

Shelly discussed the Apex Fun Run. We are excited about this event as our major fundraiser for the year. It's a great experience for the kids. The organizers will weave leadership instruction into the fun run. It's just for the kids. It's during the school day during specialist time. We need parent volunteers but parents don't run. The max number of laps they can run is 36 laps. Go to the website to watch a video and learn more <http://apexfunrun.com/>. This will help KIDS get ready for Running with Ed in May! Mr. Gomez said that PPES is winning this year!

Chair Updates:

Spirit Wear. It's not a fundraiser, just a spirit builder. We have a new logo. Jules showed the items that will be available and asked for some feedback, which was happily given. Look for signups later this month. Thanks Jules!

Book Fair. We are doing only one this year during October conferences. Go big in October! It's important because it funds the Scholastic News and books for kids who can't afford to buy one. We'll have an author visit during the festival and we'll continue the used book fair in the spring!

Masterpieces in Art. Masterpieces in Art will be merged into the EVA Art Specialist curriculum. We will still have an art parent in each classroom to help Melissa with the projects. You can still be involved in art. Our favorite MIA projects will still be used as part of the curriculum.

Park City Education Foundation. Meg Parker is the Ambassador for PCEF this year. She reviewed the many, many programs that PCEF funds at PPES. Here are some highlights re: what's going on with PCEF:

- Teacher grant applications are due October 15.
- Red Apple Gala – we need volunteers to help set up. It's a 2-hour time commitment.
- Right now is *Beat the Call* which encourages donations from every child (family) in every classroom. The school with the highest family participation gets a \$2,500 grant.
- We need to come up with a specific fundraising item to raise for on November 6, LivePC GivePC. If you have ideas please contact Meg Parker or a PTA board member.
- Nov 1 & 2nd is Vinto 20% night for PPES! Wow, mark your calendars.

Reflections in Art. We need a chair for this if we are doing it because the submissions are due at the end of October. *Let Your Imagination Fly* is the theme. Contact a PTA board member if you are interested.

DLI. There is a meeting at EHMS tonight for DLI parents especially new ones. Take advantage of this if you have any questions or concerns.

Fall Fun Festival is on October 28 and we will sell tickets that week

The meeting adjourned 9:35.