

PTO Meeting  
October 1, 2020  
Meeting notes

I. Welcome and logistics – Bryan

- 4th year as independent PTO
- focus is providing financial support; no fee to join, all parents are automatically members
- trying to adjust to changes, what we ask for and how we spend out money
- board meetings monthly; made up of parents, teachers, principal, and 4th R

II. Introduction to the PTO and Board members - Bryan et al.

Two board vacancies: controller and auditor

III. Goals of this evening – Bryan

Goal of the meeting is to share information and answer questions. There will be another meeting in the spring.

IV. Updates from Principal McCord - Mr. McCord

- No information on hybrid and when that might happen
  - Go to the district website and sign up for communication updates: main page is a COVID-19 link with a lot of resources for family members
  - 2-3 openings on site council: about a one hour a month commitment
  - There are board meetings happening that we all have the right to speak out; need to demand what we need from a school district
  - District will give hot spots to kids who qualify (not already have internet, qualify for free/reduced price lunch)
- Question: Is there a plan or any information on hybrid classes?  
County just announced change in status. If we stay in red for two weeks, districts can apply request to return to school. Our school district - there also needs to be consultation with any labor partners. Must be safety measures in place. Elk Grove trying to go back mid October. Can then see how it plays out.

Question: How do teachers feel all of this is going?  
Family feedback has been overwhelming positive.  
Attendance/participation rate is incredible. Kids have been very adaptable. Expectation is different than in the spring. Most teachers spent summer preparing and networking and working closely with grade levels which has been wonderful. Working collaboratively to do the same

thing in the classrooms. Parents have been great and supportive. One thing that has been a learning curves how much to give students and how much should be on paper vs. the computer.

Suggestion: finding videos that align with the instruction are helpful.

#### **4thR update**

Back on five campuses in Natomas supporting recreation and distance learning

Waiting to see what happens with the county; hoping to be back on campus when a hybrid option is available. could be just after school option or other something else.

Question: are the students back on campus in Natomas? No. In pods of no more than 10 kids 7am-6pm.

#### **V. PTO proposed budget - Bryan/Jeff**

Will be asking the board to vote on the budget. General expectation that some of the numbers can and should go up. It's meant to be flexible and conservative.

Projecting to be roughly flat, which is where we need to be.

Anticipate over the coming months the expense side will go up.

Optimistic that income forecasts are conservative.

Question: should see if we can get a hydration station in the auditorium.

Motion to approve the budget for a vote (Kelly motioned; Neva seconded).

**Jeff to reach out to Mr. McCord about the process for getting another hydration station.**

**Bryan will send a Google form vote to approve (or not) the budget.**

#### **VI. PTO fundraising opportunities – Kelly**

-Mixed Bag fundraiser will start Monday.

-Amazon Smile, Box Tops (November 2 deadline and then again in March - two per year)

-Crocker Dines Out

-Mixed Bag and Wrapping Paper

-See's Candy - they are back manufacturing today, can order online

-T-shirts - still coming up with ideas

-Giving Tuesday volunteer event - partnering with Food Literacy Center

-Annual Fund - donations are easy to do online

**Kelly to send Victoria list of dates to put on the school calendar.**

Original works fundraiser could be a good opportunity in the spring might be a good thing to do when all of the kids are back in school and can work with art docents.

VII. Updates re: PTO activities – Bryan

CubHubs: way to help connect families with each other. 3-5 families that can support each other, child interaction, provide resources. They are entirely optional. Survey coming out soon to gauge interest.

School layout: working on physical layout. Exciting designs for front and back of school. Hoping to make some neat improvements. Includes long term outdoor classroom space.

VIII. Questions - Bryan/Kristi

Question: Do we have access to CARES funds through the state?  
No, its unlikely we would get money for school upgrades.

IX. Closing - Bryan