March 2025 General Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025

Call to Order at 8:35 am

PFA Board attendees: Dannii Dennison, Anna Tucker-White, Kandice Ligonde, Colleen List, Grace Benson, Victoria Amodio, Carolyn Cherrie, Deanna Pihos, Erica Parker, Emily Morey, Jaclyn Santiago, Heather Mauk, Alyssa Ruiz

Total Attendees: 20

Also attending: Mrs. Culpepper

* Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2025)
  + 1st: Stephanie Blesofsky; 2nd: Jaclyn Santiago
* President’s Message
* Bingo
  + Thank you to Chelsea Hill and Kate Polselli for organizing
  + Many parents & teachers helped out
  + Sold a total of 365 game boards
  + Made $1,877, profit of $584
* Gala and Auction
  + Thanks to Tessa Brand and Jenn Vacirca for their incredible work
  + After expenses, raised over $60,000 that will go to a STEM lab
  + Mrs. Culpepper has already met with District about plans for Makerspace
* Family Fun Nights
  + Thank you to Lyndee Rothbard and Heather Ighani for organizing
  + Sea Casa FFN (Feb. 12) – raised $800
  + We are already over budget target for the year by $500
* Spiritwear
  + Thanks to Ali Knipprath for organizing
  + Flash sale is going on right now; no shipping costs during flash sale
* Kindness week
  + Thanks to Heather Gould for chairing kindness committee
  + Had many parents volunteer for card making at recess during kindness week
* Birthday in lights
  + Make sure to sign up ahead of time through website
* Board Report Updates
* School Site Council – Grace Benson provided report on February School Site Council Meeting. Meeting highlights relevant to our school included:
  + DAC report included a presentation about public safety
  + District has one portable generator, WLE received it at one point during power shut off, District is looking to purchase two more
  + Schools that lose power easily and have bad cell service prioritized for generators
  + There is always ability for schools and District to communicate during outages
  + District has a public safety task force to continue to review safety plans
  + District will always lean towards schools being open if safe
  + AADAC report – working to capture data on multiracial students
  + GATE DAC report – has finished overall testing
  + CDAC report – made presentations on bullying and unity days
  + Deena Sellers – gave presentation at board meeting on immunization
  + Cell phone policy survey – concluded that smart watches are most detrimental at elementary school
  + Conejo Schools Foundation – has a get ahead summer program; launching program at Madrona to fill summer gap for 1st through 5th graders
  + Check TO Library website for programming
  + Still looking for feedback from schools on use of Measure I money
  + Volunteers needed for nominating committee for GATE DAC executive board
  + Next SSC Meeting next Wed 2/12 at 2:45 in Library
* Direct Donation - total this year to date is $76,333
* Corporate matching - total this year to date is $13,074
  + Jaclyn showed flyer that will be sent home on corporate matching program
* Total funds raised this year (direct donation, corporate matching, Jogathon) - $152,162
  + This is $27,000 over the PFA’s budget for the year
* Room parents and teacher appreciation
  + March 19 – next teacher appreciation in staff lounge
  + May 5-9 – teacher appreciation week, fiesta theme
  + Staff appreciation lunch will be a taco truck
* Marketing
  + Save the date for daughter dance will go out next week
  + Yearbook contest fliers are about to go out
  + Updates being made to talent show ticket flyer
* Parliamentarian
  + Nominating committee is meeting next week
  + Still need a co-President, website, corporate matching (possibly)
* Richard Fields sent email reporting on Odyssey of the Mind competition
  + WLE had 9 teams competing & two teams advancing to State competition
  + Thank you to the PFA for its support
* Principal’s Message
  + Mrs. Culpepper is part of the District’s public safety committee
  + She has purchased lanterns for all of the classrooms in the event of power outage
  + This week is Read Across America week – had an author visit, book exchange
  + Bizarre Bazaar will take place on March 7
  + Enrollment has started for next year
  + Fifth graders had Stand Proud field trip last week
  + Measure I money being used to create a new PE area behind childcare
  + A new PE teacher that started yesterday (Scott Sheehan); he is taking over Karu’s classes
  + Scott will run some recess games on Mondays
  + Received the dance grant from TO Arts for $9,500, classes will be through Dance for Life
    - Open house is May 29
  + Met with people from District about how to spend Gala profits for Makerspace
* New Business
* Dannii Dennison made a motion to table the expenditure of $1,221 for continuing CRPD recess on Fridays
  + 1st: Carlolyn Cherrie; 2nd Anna Tucker-White
  + PFA will vote on Monday 3/10
* Yearbook cover contest
  + Flyer will go home next week
  + Custom page deadline is 5/14
  + If anyone has photos for the yearbook, please upload
* Talent show
  + Have 52 acts participating – 25 acts for TK-2 and 27 acts for 3-5
  + Show is March 19 & 20
  + There will be tickets this year for a nominal fee of $5
* Daughter Dance – April 11
* Bowling with Sons – April 5, 80s theme
* FFN @ Mendocino Farms, March, 12 - 20% back to WLE
* Parents Night Out @ Victory Gymnastics, March 22 – 60% back to WLE
* Bowling with Sons – April 5, 80s theme
* Daughter Dance – April 11
* New Bunco dates – May 7 & May 8
* WLE tote bags available in the online store for $15
* Comments and Questions
  + Coffee with Colina will be March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourned at 9:19 am