

WGPTC Meeting 9/9/2021 – Minutes

Location: Wood Gormley Elementary School, 6-7pm

Attendees, board members: Denise Thomas, President; Carrie Wood, Vice President; Ana Archuleta, Secretary;, Leticia Bernal, Winter Events Chair.

Absent board members: Kristin Roby, Communications and Classroom Representative Coordinator; Christy Wood, Spring Events Chair

Parent attendees: Jenny Cope, Michal Hayes, Emily Garrett

Principal: Karen Lindeen

Meeting Called to order by Vice President at 6:05pm

Introductions

Approval of May, July and August Minutes:

Minutes approved.

Principal's Report

We have survived the first month and things are smoothing out as we find systems and ways.

Lunch: We added more tents and more tables for lunch, the tents were purchased. Could use more parent volunteers at lunch, for extra eyes mostly. The volunteer application process is taking a really long time, we have a long queue. We are starting to look ahead to inclement weather and how to deal with it. A group of parents have already communicated their concerns about not wanting their kids eating inside with no masks. Some ideas for cold weather outdoor lunches: Modify tents perhaps with walls; add Outdoor heaters; Advise lots of layers for the kids. The kids mostly want to talk during lunch and they would prefer to be outside.

Covid: Hopefully the numbers continue to decline. The school's first positive case was over the past weekend. Definitely have kids with floppy masks, mostly the younger ones. Having the nurse talk to the kids and send home suggestions ideas etc. Need to try and improve the situation for kids.

After Care is going, has a wait list. Has another person that will hopefully be hired within the week. Not yet open Friday, hoping we can do that later as we realize it is an inconvenience for parents.

New Nurse starts tomorrow. We had a Nurse Aide, Christine. But will have an actual nurse starting tomorrow. Parent question: Will the nurse be able to administer the covid tests on site at the school? Would be great if tests could be administered at school., but it is not clear if that is an option or not. PCR tests vs rapid tests: the PCR tests for antigens, Rapid tests for positive sign of virus and is not as accurate. Have to err on the side of caution and require PCR tests for students and staff to return to school. New Nurse will be at school 2 days a week.

School counselor: Almost had a new counselor...still looking. Leticia can push out a job description to a lot of places has a business doing counselor searches. We previously had a counselor and definitely want to get one again. A parent has heard about a lot more bullying happening and school, Principal Lindeen says that more conflicts seem to be coming up right now. The school is aware of some different situations and a counselor would be very helpful. Principal Lindeen likes a preventative approach and to get right on things so they don't fester and get worse. Parents have been communicating well so that is good.

Doing cross school PLCs with Acequia Madre and Carlos Gilbert so every other week we do google meets with these other schools and thinking about lessons in terms of standards. Letters training, learning reading instruction, all of the basics of decoding k-2.

Treasurer Report

We need to start making some money. Bank account is going down. Movie night is coming up and with the price of tickets it is not a money making event. We have a lot of lofty goals for our fundraisers this year and definitely need to get some money coming in. The laminator and film have been ordered and are on the way. Audrey has started working with our tax guy to start filing for the upcoming year. Winter events has budgeted a \$3k goal, maybe look at an online auction situation. Ski Santa Fe tickets maybe raffle ski passes. Look for outdoor activities and ideas. Someone believes that we have a parent who runs the outside activities at the ski basin.

Leticia Did fundraising for Big Brothers Big Sisters, online auctions can get expensive because we will have to pay out a portion for the site fees, sometimes up to 20% which can be terrible. Maybe something super outside of the box like auctioning off a parking spot. Or else do a live auction through Facebook live. With rotary they couldn't do pancakes on the plaza this year. Leticia suggested selling cookie decorating packages, baskets, do it online and pick it up at the school. Events will likely get cancelled so let's look at raffles, etc.

Lots of pressure on the Panther Run, big fundraising amount budgeted. Currently half of the budget is dependent on the panther run, too much pressure.

Final note: Budget is as proposed, and then we will have the revised budget, which adds the laminator and removes the tutoring.

Update on Parent Contacts and Class Reps

Not received any new classroom coordinators, have for K, 1, 2, 4, 6. Ana shared that Ms. Martinez (3rd grade class) sent an email that there is one for her class. – Karen will circle back to those teachers missing a parent rep.

Kristin created a school directory and an email distribution list and the spreadsheet and distribution will need to be manually updated moving forward.

Kristin is working on a survey to ask parents that will go in the next week or so.

Afterschool Clubs: Open Discussion:

Had lots of suggestions, but don't have anything actually solidified.

Tech club for 5th and 6th is solidified. Dawson, Webster and Hubert are collaborating. They are working on figuring out a registration process because it is expected to be popular.

Next week, First Serve is starting up here, a tennis program. A free club, non-profit they provide the tennis coaches. They will practice at Alto park, 2 days tennis, 1 day of online tutoring. They organize parents to do the driving to get kids to Alto park. They have the organizing down. Already have 11 kids signed up. They take all ages. Mondays and Wednesdays are the planned tennis days.

Ms. Webster is going to do an all ages yoga class.

3 confirmed clubs.

Are they looking at fees for the tech and yoga club? Karen could pay for the teachers to do the clubs just like tutoring. Tech club will need some funding for materials. Also have a computer science ready F25(?) initiative that we are a part of that we could possibly use funds for the tech club. Yoga says she has all the stuff. At present seems like these 3 clubs are covered. IF we could have pay as you can donations for the clubs that would be helpful to try and offset the \$2k we have set aside. We want to have them pay for clubs, helps them to be more invested as well. Have an option that it is available so you can get fees waived. Dependent on the club, and what is needed, we will need to determine on a case by case basis. Let's get a budget and see what we will need to get things covered, beyond what Karen can pay.

Could we have the clubs fundraise? Get them more involved. Could be a club where kids try and raise money for a cause of some sort. Scholarship option for those who can't pay. County commissioners set aside funds for different types of materials that are project based, could apply for those funds once we have an exact idea of what they need. Let's get those budgets and then go from there. In the past we have paid for the teachers time, so if that gets covered by Karen then we can go from there.

Dienke – Graphic arts, spring maybe, Spanish club Christy said she had a connection. A teacher wants to do an environmental club in the spring. Maybe start a roster for those spring clubs. Tech and First Serve will go all year, also yoga.

Student council, Karen will look into that.

Movie Night Planning:

Denise, email notice and pizza order form went out. Volunteers are signing up. VIP raffle tickets go on sale tonight, will be sold through the website. It's awesome. Get the kids riled up by that. Raffle tickets. \$3 for 1, \$5 for 2. Leticia doing concessions will get the Sam's club card, pizzas getting picked up by Ana. Cotton candy containers were popular and are individually wrapped. Denise has a list she will get to Leticia.

Glow stuff. We have an Amazon account. The glow stuff needs to be ordered. Audrey will coordinate with Carrie on those to order on Amazon. Been getting in movie votes, Raya and Totoro the two front runners right now. Christy, Carrie have tents that we can use. Did tents in the dirt and covered them. String lights are useful. We need extension cords, in the past used Ms. Palmer's and Dr. Jeffrey ordered them from the districts for us to use we think? Let's look at extension cords that the school has. We need to look at what is in the basement if needed. We talk about ordering extension cords every year. Let's go look at the basement.

Popcorn maker, needs to be bagged and made earlier in the day. Took a little while. Popcorn machine. Karen can make popcorn. May need to order and update popcorn supplies. In the 2-5pm time of set up add in the popcorn making.

Coffee? Can we get some pre made donated? Coffee samovars are in the basement. Made hot chocolate last year. Coffee was donated. Starbucks might donate. Those boxes stay hot. Let's talk to Starbucks about getting them donated. Boxes will keep them warm for a couple of hours. Hot chocolate. Denise will talk to Starbucks.

We need to mark off the field. Can we spray paint the field? Chalk paint. They cut the grass once a week. Square off a size. String lines to mark it like construction. A grid. Probably need more chalk paint for the grid. Could we start the grid Thursday night? Thursday at 6pm Carrie and Denise will get started on it.

Will we have access to the building? We can go in the building because there is no kids. Will bathrooms be ok to use? Yes as long as people are moving in and out quickly will be fine for people to be in the school. The kids will be outside with glow stuff.

Are we having a DJ? Or just play some music? Denise will ask our DJ if he wants to do it.

How many people do we expect ? Pizza email will go out. \$20 per pizza. Only whole pizzas. No salads. Any way to do small pizzas along with large? Put the deadline early, always.

Let's make some signs to advertise the event. Emily can make some signs. Order your pizzas for movie night. No more hand-outs, keeping with environmental consciousness. Raffle tickets and pizza orders all on the website. Flyer is at the top of our website. 6:30 start. \$4 for adults \$3 for kids. Tickets at the door.

Movies are confirmed.

New Business:

To the basement!

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.