

MINUTES

ASMS Parent Club Minutes

September 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mark Silberman, returning Treasurer at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance – see attached attendee list

Executive Board / Staff In Attendance:

Mark Silberman – Treasurer returning

Maria Walker – Principal

Ron Ayala – 8th Grade Core Teacher

NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD during course of Meeting:

Diana Phipps President (replacing 2011/2012 Melissa Bermea)

Shannon Antepenko Vice President (vacant 2011/2012)

Delores Pickford Secretary (replacing Renee Longaker)

Newly elected Parent Liaison Debbie Gjerde

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were read or approved.

Principal's Message

Meeting turned over to **Ron Ayala**. Request made of PC Board to sponsor the 7th annual Washington DC / New York City World Strides Trip. This is not a school / GUSD function and requires insurance support to use school facilities for meetings. 10 meetings requested; 5 for parents, and 5 for students who will attend trip. These are educational meetings regarding the destinations and trip information. 50 students and 10 adult chaperones on trip so potentially 50 students at student meetings and at least 50 parents at parent meetings. They are currently overdue on first meeting and the tour roster is nearly full. South Valley takes a trip to ?Yosemite? – what insurance do they use to be allowed to meet on school facility. Trip is during the April 1-5 Spring Break. Travelers have full insurance coverage from World Strides as soon as the trip starts until they return to pick up location

A: Ron / Maria to contact SVMS regarding their insurance

C-A: Ron Ayala to look into GUSD Facilities Use Form -- Does require proof of liability insurance

A: Parent Club currently runs without insurance; action to have Executive Board rectify

Maria Walker, Principal: Field Trips and loss of instructional time being scrutinized by District. Ten furlough days already accepted by teachers for this school year. Science Camp requires teachers to work 24 hours / day for 5 days. The 6th grade teachers team made decision not to attend Science Camp. "Teachers get tired of doing this when the parents don't all step up and do their part and kids go for a week for free."

Last Year Science Camp was a \$55K event

GUSD put in \$5k for transportation – this money is not available for 2012/2013

\$250 was requested per student from families

Income from parent donations was only approximately \$30K

(works out to ~120 payments of \$250 if full payment made)

\$22K came from ASMS and is not available this year (\$6k payment made by PC)

Approximately 275 students in 6th grade

6th Grade team looking for alternative field trip, perhaps single day at California Academy of Sciences

7th grade team chosen not to go to Technology Museum field trip – theme on display does not coincide with lesson plan and planning issues

8th grade no science related trip / event planned (this class is also the last class of the PI transfers / large classes)

- Parent added that Brownell did a 3 day science camp last year (cost per student was \$185)

- Representation still needed for Committees – contact Ms Walker directly to participate

District Health Council – 3 or 4 meetings per year

GATE gpac 1 meeting / quarter

Site Council 2 people needed

-Tania Davis asked for clarification of the Wellness Policy and how it is applied at different schools, what the rules are.

Information was offered that Parent Club was not part of GUSD or School and as long as some time duration after school when sales made perhaps ok; possibly if not to be consumed on campus (used off site)

A: Board needs to understand rule and act responsibility on behalf of the students / parents in support of GUSD policy

-Debbie Gjerde reviewed SPAC report
 Received ~\$8M last year, if average daily attendance increased by just 1% each school could receive about \$500k more

Prop 30 on November ballot would be a positive influence in school funding, would restore the 7 days of instruction and 3 days of staff development if passed
 Ms Walker stated that these days would be tacked onto the end of the school year (see GUSD website for both potential school calendars, with and without Prop 30 passing)

Each GUSD Board Member is assigned a school to support, our member is Mark Goode

SAFE Routes to School SRTS is having meetings / trainings
 On Sep 24 Ms Walker and campus supervisory staff are attending training at police department
 Oct 3 is walk and bike to School day
 Discussion of ASMS cyclists who have been in accidents, One hit by car near GHS last week and one falling on curb last year on campus -- **PARENTS PLEASE SUPPORT THE LAW AND PROTECT STUDENTS**
 Advise student of cycling safety on campus, support campus supervisors
 Bicycles must be WALKED on campus

- move too fast to be seen by vehicles when riding
- Danger to themselves and other students when riding
- Helmets are THE LAW for under 18 year olds

Talent Show signups Sept 24 at lunch, Event Oct 2 at 6:30pm in MPR staff and students
 Progress Reports will be available online on School Loop Friday 9/28
 First Quarter grades will be mailed home on ~10/19
 First School Dance (ASB – ASMS Student Body hosts)
 October Calendar is online
 Energy Education representative is Cheryl Gallaway (sp?) – meeting with all GUSD school parent board presidents 9/26 5:30-8 at District Office
 Provided Insurance flyer for parent clubs received at all Principals meeting
 960 Students on campus this year
 8th grade has largest population, is last of PI transfer students
 Union is reviewing class sizes, especially advanced placement sizes to make sure rules are followed

A: Theatre Arts program (Visnaw/?) request \$3k in support of spring production
 Ms Walker excused herself from meeting saying she has an open door; call, stop in, make an appointment anytime.

Board Elections

Nominations were opened on Sept 10 via email posted to school loop and all call due to low May meeting turn out and nomination response. Nomination / Dossier were posted to ASMS Parent Club website on Sept 17th for review prior to voting. Motion was made and seconded to hold election with representation present
 Nominations were accepted at meeting for President by Caryn Laird; and for President / Vice President ticket of Diana Phipps / Shannon Antepencko respectively. They were allowed to make a brief statement and asked to leave room.
 Voting was counted and confirmed by Mark Silberman , Diana Phipps / Shannon Antepencko were elected based on count and accepted onto board.
 Motion was made and seconded to vote on Delores Pickford's nomination as Secretary. Pickord was voted in unanimously, and motions passed to accept onto board.
 Request was made to fill the Parent Liaison role as listed in bylaws. Debbi Gjerde volunteered to fill position, was motioned to accept her offer and seconded.

Treasurers Report

Mark Silberman provided copies of the full year report of actions in the checking account held by the Parent Club. All categories are listed in detailed spreadsheet – willing to mail out / make available at any request. Approximate \$29k balance, outstanding bill for Great America 2012 trip, \$8300. Bank account requires 2 executive board signatures for all checks. Signatory cards need to be changed to add Phipps, Antepencko, Pickford and remove Bermea, Longaker.
 Full report with spreadsheet at every meeting.
 Reiterated that no person can spend monies prior to an event with express direction from the Executive Board.

Fundraising

Without science camp what are we fundraising for? Diana Phipps discussed the need to meet with Ms Walker and staff to understand how the PC can support the long and short term needs of the students and the school

- Easiest methods of donating to school are the escrip, Nob Hill Quality of Life, and Box Tops for education campaigns. Please see details sheet at end of minutes on how to convert your escrip and Nob Hill cards over from Elementary schools to support ASMS (you can support up to 3 organizations on each)
- Box Tops will be collected in Core Classes between Oct 10-17, 2012 and Feb 6-13, 2013 – last year the teacher with the highest classroom contribution was promised 10% kickback of earnings
- Request to add collection of Labels for Education – Jan Howard will collect / submit those – allow school to select items from catalog.
- First school dance requires 3 parents to run concessions: Tania Davis, Jan Howard, Caryn Laird volunteered, requires two Executive Board members to count / collect money
- Jamba Juice on campus at other locations – they may already be coming to ASMS for another organization
- Groupon like online couponer supports schools – SPREEBIRD
- A: Delores to sign up ASMS PC
- Restaurant nights need to be scheduled, Soan Quach offered to help, also Erika Morales wants to help
- Request by Caryn Laird for \$200 up front money to purchase items to start an on campus student store. She was asked to submit a written proposal and documentation. Concerns were raised that introducing that at lunch time would be distracting for staff and difficult to manage. Caryn stated that Ms. Walker had specifically requested it be brought to campus.
- Scholastic Book Faire does come on campus – is not run by Parent Club; Librarian may require assistance
- Barnes and Noble Night – idea by Diana
- GHS does monthly snacks for teachers prior to their staff meeting – Debbie Gjerde says it is highly appreciated.
- Would love to see Teacher Wish Lists for Christmas and year end

Next Meeting

October 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., school MPR

Prepared by Delores Pickford

Nob Hill Quality of Life card conversion :

Currently only 10 cards associated with schools in use

If you need a card, I have them (asmsec@gmail.com)...

1. Login to www.raleys.com account; or create an account at this web address
2. From the Home Page, click 'About Us'
3. Select 'Q-Card Scrip Information'
4. Enter your card number and password at the Log-In for Our Returning Guests.
5. 'Manage Your Organization'
6. 'Search for New Organization'(Ascencion Solorsano Middle School Parent Club)
7. Change contribution percentage accordingly
8. 'Update Your Percentages'

Escrip (Safeway, etc) card conversion :

1. Login to www.escrip.com account, or recover password or create account
2. Change your group selection (154095381 or Ascencion Solorsano Middle School)
3. Add or Update your Safeway card; or any credit cards you would like to register