



Olinda Elementary

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2020



PTO Board meeting of the Olinda Parent Teacher Organization was held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 13th

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

In Attendance: Mike Siemsen, Eileen Clarin, Pree Bhattacharya, CC Giang, Adity Sehgal, Aparna Mathur, Aveena Desai, Laura Robinson, Katie McGill, Kelly Ly, Lanie Dang, Marisa de La Rocha, Purvi Parikh, Shelly Vardiman, Susan Cho, Susan Shimada, Theresa Yu, Sammie Peng, Alfi Park, Catherine Ramirez, Cherrie Lin

Board and Committee Reports

President: Not a whole lot of new developments right now. Thanked everyone for joining the call and taking the time. Will have some committee updates as the meeting progresses.

Principal's Report: Dr. Pree shared that they are in the thick of a lot of planning. Taking the opportunity to see what hybrid will actually look like. Blessed to be amongst the community that we are, will be able to do a lot for the kids. Today was a day of prep for the teachers, giving teachers the opportunity to prepare the way they need to prepare. Will be putting out a video by Thursday 10/15 to show what school might look like, one way movement, dismissal and pickup. School is conceptualized in a certain way when you look at 700 kids, but the reality is that it will be 225 kids per day. 10 to 1 ratio gives us an unique opportunity and of course the zoomers online. Asking that teachers focus on instruction and safety protocols. Going to have two different drop off areas to spread kids out, pick up will be staggered with dismissal time. Those kids walking to the Eagle will still be able to do so. Custodial staff is putting up signs and putting things on the ground. Recess will have five different zones, approach that is being taken is very conservative. Having custodial staff clean the jungle gym, balls, etc will not happen as erring on the side of caution. Over the weeks, will see how that transpires, but better to go slow and take a phased approach. Much of the logistics will be coming out this week.

Question on hepa filters – will possibly take those donations. Question on what the day looks like for the hybrid student – experience for the kids in class will be similar to before, some tactile, classroom library, some shared items will be available, but certain things won't be possible – math tiles, kinder stuff, media center items, etc. Will still have science based in person experiences for the students on campus. For the most part kids in the room will have a live experience, reality is that kids in the classroom with 6 other kids and the teacher is unique. An inherent advantage that no one has seen before. PE, Band, will all be after lunch. Morning is all academics. But no prioritizing of kids in the classroom versus on zoom. Question on health protocols and teacher collaboration – teachers are collaborating on Wednesdays. There is a covid decision tree, any of the three major symptoms or two of the minor symptoms a student/adult would go home immediately. Figuring out if it's going to be a 24 hr or 72 hr return to school after a fever has gone down. Question on schedule – starting next week, after lunch will be small group discussion time, so it will be via zoom. Kids will not be done till 2:10 now. Long discussion about what that would look like Kids can flip from zoom to room and vice versa. Question on covid protocol – Dr. Pree will go with what a medical doctor tells them on what to do. Orange County Health Care Agency is where the determination is made. Not made at the parent/family level, not wanting rumors. Need a doctors note to then further notify others.

Recording Secretary: Sammie Peng reminded everyone to log hours on the jotform site. Will send out the link every month with the minutes, and Mike will put on the website as well.

- Motion to approve September PTO minutes was made by Sammie Peng, Laura Robinson first and seconded by Susan Cho. Motion approved

Treasurer: Susan shared the September budget report. Asked for a bit of input for the Generation genius streaming video. Cost of \$795.00, that was taken from Technology/School Improvements. Provides articles, kahoot, science, etc, teachers have been using it as a science supplement. Dr. Pree apologized about not sharing beforehand.

- Motion to approve the extra \$.65 for scholastic news. Eileen Clarin first and seconded by Mike Siemsen. Motion approved
- Motion to approve September PTO budget was made by Susan Shimada, CC Giang first and seconded by Mike Siemsen. Motion approved
- Motion to approve Generation Genius Streaming Videos, check 2865, \$795.00 was made by Susan Shimada, CC Giang first and seconded by Laura Robinson.
- Motion to approve check numbers 2864 (Scholastic News- \$1059.10), 2867 (Time for Kids - \$1063.55), and 2868 (Aveena Desai – safety, \$129.17), was made by Susan Shimada, CC Giang first and seconded by Mike Siemsen.
- Motion to approve 5 wireless Bluetooth headsets, check 2866, \$148.35 motion made by Susan Shimada, CC Giang first and seconded by Susan Cho

Yearbook: Laura Robinson shared the theme " A year like no other - #eaglestrong Asked about Halloween and what that will look like. Looks like no Halloween costumes at school. Figuring out how to fill the pages and will work on the art contest as kids come back.

Ways and Means: Marisa shared that the jog a thon will be held virtually given everything. Showing Olinda spirit, possibly a Wednesday, trying to accommodate everyone. Will likely be in February. Happy to take any suggestions, looking for a theme....hero run, resilience run.

Parliamentarian: Eileen Clarin shared a library update – kids will check out books every other week, students can put books on hold on Monday or Tuesday, Eileen will then deliver to the classrooms Thursday and Friday. Talked about typing agent and a resource for the kids to have. Will take from the technology bucket

- Motion to approve typing agent for \$1,840 motion made by Eileen Clarin, Susan Shimada first and seconded by Susan Cho

Auditor: Susan Cho shared that she finished the last bit of the audit

Cook's Night Out: Mike shared Inferno Eats made \$110, but the owner there bumped up to \$150.

Spirit Wear - Kelly Ly and Theresa Yu shared that spirit wear delivery should be around 10/30, made about \$1000.

Red Ribbon: theme is Be happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free. Will be after kids are back to school, will do a mask day, and have different spirit wear items. Will have wristbands and pencils possibly.

Visual Arts: Mike updated, on behalf of the committee. FIBO hasn't been all that motivated, but still working with them. Art is not a lost cause, trying to figure it out to do something.

Book Fair: Cherrie shared \$726 profit for the book fair. Total sales were about \$2k. Eileen suggested looking into Follett and maybe adding that book fair as well. Possibly doing a third one since they are all virtual.

New Business:

To revisit the marquee, and where is that at? So much can be advertised there, and would like to get that back on the forefront. Asked Dr. Pree to get an answer by 11/2 on where the district is at on what they are paying for. Hold the district to the number they had stated which was \$8k. Showed us a pic of the marquee which is 87 wide, 95 inches tall. This bid was approximately \$26kish. Dr. Pree will move on this, this week and have an update. Only a few schools don't have a marquee. Pushing this is essential.

Mike asked to look at the school improvements, beautification fo the school, etc. Look at the budget, lets see what can really be done this year. Question on enrichment courses – what can we do? Everyone can research and look to see what is available. Eileen suggested to put it out in a survey so we can vote and come up with something. Cynthia talked about discovery cube and a rep there, so possible options there. Eileen will send something out by the end of the week through google forms.

Also looking at potential days for Born in the wild assembly, 7 days for all grade levels. \$100/session. Amy and Dr. Pree are looking at that.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:24p.m. by Eileen Clarin

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Mike Siemsen
President