

Cabrillo PTO Meeting Agenda. Your Voice Counts

Date: February 3, 2022



Time: 6:00pm

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Meeting ID: 865 1414 5880

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Member's Present:

Cherie Chan	Gianna Franco	Angelique Barry
Mara Higdon	Taylor Ryder	Orianne Delfose
Liz Harrington	Lisa To	Kimmi Brock
Brad Switzer	Sue Beckmeyer	Lauren O'Connell
Suzane Lifson Salazar	Jennifer Russitano	Stephanie Harrington
Raul Barrera		

AGENDA ITEM

PRESENTER

Call to Order

President

Some New Visitors. Welcome Raul Barrera, Lauren O'Connell, and Taylor Ryder!

Introduction of Attendees

President

[STAFF SIGN UP FOR PTO MEETINGS](#)

Time Keeper

Gianna

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Cherie, Gianna

Link to [December 2021 Minutes](#)

Link to [January 2022 Minutes](#)

Gianna moved to approve the minutes, Jennifer seconded.

Principals Report:

Annie Flores-Aikey (10 min)

1. I just had an extensive I-ready [a standard diagnostic school which finds childrens' thresholds] training. Cabrillo has made tremendous academic growth at all grade levels on Reading and Math.
2. Today, several students helped move and load hay bales that are being donated to Pacifica Gardens. We are still using the remainder, but I've been told that there is lots of interest in repurposing them when we are ready.
3. There is staff Professional Development (on I-ready) on Wednesday 2/16 for teachers to learn what I just learned today regarding their amazing successes and areas for growth.
4. On 2/28 there is no school for students as there will be another PD day. Staff will have a PD morning and will have an afternoon of planning.

MUSIC: Staff is interested in learning more about Rhythm and Moves music. We are in touch with them for next fall. It seems like there is no way they can accommodate it for the rest of this year. I have asked Mark Sessler to provide a quote and an overview, if he were interested at all. I believe he is, but I have not heard back yet. We are trying to have something here for trimester three with regard to music for K-2, if at all possible.it

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*Mara posting to Facebook about additional day off

Teachers' Report: (10 min)

I-ready - it was better than the first go around.

The first go around we were not prepared with equipment, this time around the program is well written and caught on easily.

- A few staff have been out, we had a number off for injuries and illnesses.
- Haven't heard of any field trips, other than 4th Grade going to Sanchez Adobe in March
- Christine Novak secured a large (\$500K?) Technology grant for the district, which will include new Chrome Books,
- Betty Dahlberg, a Cabrillo mom, has been hired as Cabrillo's COVID-19 Health Assistant! We're scrambling to figure out where she will be, her office will likely be the library storage room. She will likely be working with the District COVID team, Yolanda and John Bartfield.

Information Items:

- 1. Candidate for VP of Visual and Performing Arts** Angelique & Taylor (5mins)
 - A candidate for the VP of Visual and Performing Arts has stepped forward.
 - Taylor Ryder has been doing art classes for her children since her son, in 2nd grade was in Kindergarten. She has formal training in art, including a Masters in Ceramics, and also runs her own bookkeeping practice, so she is well-suited to both understand art curriculum and manage programs and budgets.
 - Noted that the art curriculum is older than she is, and many components are no longer relevant.,
 - Has met with Brad, and is still interested! We will move forward to officially elect Taylor consistent with the bylaws.
- 2. Library Update** Sue Beckmeyer (10 Min)
 - Overview of the purchasing done so far this year
 - Ideas for dispersing the remaining library budget allocation
 - The library program is in full swing, and she's so excited.
 - The decision was that everybody who is vaccinated and boosted, and already on board as a volunteer is welcome.
 - San Mateo County Public Libraries is happy to purchase books for classroom libraries, please communicate with Mrs. Beckmeyer if you'd like anything! Also, Mara has posted a Library Wish List.
 - A new States series
 - Scholastic Dollars are much more expensive than regular websites for some reason.
 - A-Wing K-2 teachers want good non-fiction which students can read on their own.
 - Ashley Larsen is here for 3 hours every Wednesday.

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- Please send Ms. Beckmeyer any library suggestions you may have.

Discussion Items:

1. K-2 Music Program

All (15 min)

- [Rhythm and Moves Program Description](#)
- [Illuminate Music](#) by Cristin Fong
 - Teachers met, have decided that they would prefer to go with Rhythm and Moves.
 - Package will cost \$19,000 for one day per week, a minimum of five hours. Note that this is the same cost as the PE package Rhythm and Moves uses, but it is the law that kids need a certain number of PE hours, so this is paid for by the district.
 - Total Arts Budget is 27,000.
 - Jennifer will speak with Cristin Fong
 - There was a decrease in Site Funds, but they not
 - PEF pays for 3-5th grade music, Mr. U. Mark Sessler's 4th grade or Bust is paid for by PTO funds.
 - Total Arts Budget is 27K. 3K could be squeezed in if we increase fundraising goal by 10 K, we could probably adjust.
 - Angelique will check to see if Rhythm and Moves requires a deposit.
 - Liz wants to know what the price comparison is.
 - Have we actually talked to Mr. U to see if he can structure something? Mr/ U teaches in the library Thursdays. He cannot personally take anything on. He's really advocating for a district-wide solution. This would enable the continuity of K-8. One of the challenges is to support PEF. There's nothing they do to support PEF in K-2. It would be ideal to integrate the K-2 position. Want to make sure the kids are learning in Kinder flows through what Mr. U is doing.
 - Action Items: Angelique will check in with Vallemar and Ocean Shore to see if Taylor can meet with them.
 - Invite Tasks to invite teachers next month to really vote.
 - Oriane will reach out to PEF to see if they know of any music grants that could potentially offset costs.
 - The issue is that they want equity across the classes. If they want to opt-in, the teachers can do that.
 - Action Item March.

2. Green Team

Oriane, Cherie (10min)

- Had a small Service Day for King Day.
- Next Service Day is Saturday March 5th - want to expand this one to the entire school community. Wants to put this in the school newsletter, and have the class liaisons send it out, so that the kids and teachers know about it.

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- We are planning to whack out the courtyard between B and C Wing and clear out those hay bales so there is more seating.
3. Action Item March.

Action Items:

1. Recruitment Angelique (5mins)
- Angelique is stepping down next calendar year: sent out survey to current board members.
 - I Enrichment would like to step down.
 - May is typically the time for General Elections.
 - In June's meeting, all will attend, and the current board exists through the June Meeting.
 - New Board will reconvene and make a working budget for the academic school meeting.
 - Amber can ask about the cost of a Cabrillo PTO Zoom Account.

Officers Reports (5 minutes/report)

1. President Angelique Barry
- Memberhub - how are they feeling about the new platform? It costs about \$1500 per year.
 - Gianna - The email side of things is not working from a class-level.
 - Angelique noted that the Principal's emails have a high click-rate
 - Jennifer Russitano will help with the back-end
2. Treasurer Amber & Mara(15 min)
- a. [Profit and Loss through 01.31.2022](#)
- b. [Budget Review through 01.31.2022](#)
- Financing are looking good. Net Fundraising has been \$53,000.
 - We're finally in a good financial position. Thank you Mara and Liz!
 - We will need to ask for 100% of the funds from the parents. Liz will put Mara in contact with the Bundt Cake fundraiser people.
3. VP Fundraising Chairs Liz Harrington & Michelle Ryan Sees
- Sees Candy fundraiser will be March 7th to the 21st
 - Mr. Softy will be out on Crespi St. Patrick's Day!
 - Movie Night! Liz would love to do one. Some ideas:
 - Angelique could donate the movie screen from PALL Athletics Little League.
 - Are we doing Pi Day on 3.14? Michelle has offered to do all the pies. Wow! Mr. Potter really gets into this, as a math teacher. 8th Grade Fundraiser.
 - Dog Surfing Contest -
 - it's unclear if the Dog Surfing people have booked the beach, but the date on the Internet is August 6th.

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4. VP Lower Grade Liaisons Jennifer Russitano
 - Next Big thing will be Teacher Appreciation Day in First Week in May,
 - May 2 to May 6th, there will only be one week to plan after Spring Break.
5. VP Upper Grade Liaisons Stephanie Harrington
 - We need to have a pool to pull from and help 7th grade understand the fundraising and effort needed to initiate the 8th grade and graduation programs. The only reason why we could afford things this year was because we aren't doing an 8th Grade Trip.
 - We really need to move forward to help parents
 - Angelique has a 7th grade grader, and will work with Michaela and Suzanne
 - Liz has a 6th grader!
 - Electives started again today. Experiences varied.
6. VP Visual & Performing Arts Vacant
7. VP After School Enrichment Program(ASEP) Suzanne Lifson Salazar & Lisa To
 - Classes have started.
 - Suzanne and Lisa will be moving on.

Committee Reports

1. Parent Council Representative Kellie Samson
2. Communication Coordinator Michela Christensen
3. Grant Writer Orianne Delfosse
 - Working with Annie through Albertsons to work on addressing learning loss which happened during the pandemic. In order to apply, we do need an employee sponsor. Do we know if anybody works for Safeway or Albertsons.
 - Action Item: Angelique will ask to see if any parents or family members who work for Safeway will co-sign the grant.
 - A grant with the 4 Rs grant is also open. We would need to apply for it to make the Green Team happen.
4. Education Enrichment Fund Drive Mara Higdon
5. Pacifica Education Foundation Emily Hennessy

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2021

Agenda Topics due: by 6pm Tuesday (March 1) to: Cherie Chan and Gianna Franco
chan.cherie@gmail.com and giannamfranco@gmail.com

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