

PATH MEETING MINUTES 4/27/17

Board Members Present

President, Sumi Alhadeff

1st VP –Funds 4R Future, Durre Rizvi-Syed - absent

1st VP – Corporate Sponsorship, Matt Wildstein - absent

2nd VP- Fundraising, Joyce Almazan

3rd VP/Hospitality - Cristina Nava-Perez

Safety Coordinator, Maria Ebenhoch - absent

Treasurer – Linda Grigorian

Enrichment Coordinator – Patrick Perez - absent

Room Parent Coordinator/Secretary – Kelli Chilingarian

Digital Communications – Deepak - Absent

5th Grade Coordinators – Diana Juarez - present and Janice Nardella - absent

Principal – Victoria Littlejohn

Teacher Representative – Donna Blankenship -Absent

Board Members absent – 7

Quorum Present – No

Meeting Called to order – 3:15 pm.

Joyce Almazan took over the meeting for Sumi who had to leave early. Sumi Alhadeff made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 4/27/17. Joyce accepted the minutes and Mrs. Littlejohn seconded the motion, All in favor –Yes , any opposed – No. Motion passed, minutes approved.

Teachers Report – Mrs. Blankenship – Absent

Presidents Report – Sumi - May meeting is May 10th. Talent show is coming up April 29th, the talent show committee needs help with decorations, set up, preparing the kids to go on stage, keeping the flow of the talent show moving. Major Parent participation is needed.

Election up dates –

President – Sumi Alhadeff and Kelli Chilingarian

President Elect – Joyce Almazan

1st VP –Funds 4R Future – Vacant

1st VP – Corporate Sponsorship, Matt Wildstein

2nd VP- Fundraising, Joyce Almazan
3rd VP/Hospitality – Vacant
Safety Coordinator, Vacant
Treasurer – Linda Grigorian – interim
Parliamentarian - Vacant
Enrichment Coordinator – Vacant
Room Parent Coordinator - Vacant
Secretary – Kelli Chilingarian - interim
Safety Coordinator - Vacant
Digital Communications – Deepak
5th grade coordinators – Suzan Lufrano and Leslie Eng
Marketing - Vacant
HR – Lucy Adonian
Principal – Victoria Littlejohn
Teacher Representative – Vacant

Principals Report – The water fountains on the main yard, have a fantastic filtration system and is maintained on a regular basis. The rest of the water system is ok – even though we are flushing them the kids are encouraged no to drink from it, there’s nothing wrong with the water if they do drink from it. We have a new SAA, however, she has been absent and we currently have substitutes until she returns. A Question was asked about Open/Closed campus? Response: We have some teachers and some parents who want to keep the campus closed and more parents who want to open it back up so, we need to look at safety vs rebuilding community. We’re not sure what we’ll do as of yet.

A Parent suggestion – Create some family outings/nights, possibly by grade level.
A Parent observation at Pick up -front gate, there are many people at the gate but no one is really socializing, many grandparents pick up, many people are on their phones, and some are just patiently waiting.

1st VP – Matt – Corporate sponsor – No report.

1st VP – Funds for our Future- According to Linda, we sent letters to the families who didn’t donate, we had gotten some responses back. One idea is that we collect all year instead of having a deadline. Next year, lower the incentives. Have the donor dinner, at a smaller restaurant.

2nd VP – Joyce – Pieology – cooks night out is coming up. Camp Castlebay, I'll update at the next meeting after speaking with Mrs. Dorfman.
Mrs. Dorfman's class won the pizza party from CPK cooks night out and also the Menchies, icecream party.

3rd VP – Christina Nava-Perez - Movie night – try and do it next fall or at the welcome back picnic, will discuss with Sumi.

Treasurer – Linda – LAUSD – sent a memo on how schools are to be fundraising. They have forms that need to be filled out and approved, also strict guidelines that need to be followed.

Do we want to be a member of the Chamber of commerce \$175 annual fee? We need to start networking.

Dawn would like to start ordering the planners for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade; it was already previously approved and budgeted for.

Student store- we'll do more research.

Backpack hooks – need to be revisited – some of the hallways have bulletin boards that are in the way.

5th grade made about \$10,000. Buses for Pali camp are taken care of. Rehearsal bus will be supplied by Mitch Englanders office, still waiting for approval.

Graduation brunch is planned. Will get quotes for a balloon person.

The additional letters that were sent to parents for the F.F.O.F. brought in \$2,000. \$1,500. Came in from Ralphs

We paid out the enrichment teachers.

We paid \$10,750 . to computer wise.

We paid for the magazine drive, CPR training, We paid \$200. to LAUSD for a custodian – talent show.

5th grade paid \$500. Deposit to Porter Valley CC for the 5th grade brunch.

We paid- Rileys Farm, 4th grade went to VT ranch, leftover \$357. will be absorbed by PATH.

Kinder Ball made \$723. this will stay with kinder, to help pay for their graduation.

Yearbooks - \$7,000 in sales this year, compared to last year we sold \$14,000.

Sees Candies made \$1,126.

Enrichment – Patrick Perez – Cristina brought up Enrichment – we need someone to run the program / or one option is to have Cristina from STAR take over, however, we may not be able to have any of our teachers who are not STAR employees, if our teachers do sign up with STAR they may have to take a pay cut, and the process is different. Linda said check with Mr. Mena he runs an after school program. If we can find anyone then we won't have a program. We need parent participation. Sumi said she would not like to exclude our own teachers so finding someone to run the program is imperative. Joyce brought up the box tops, school participation is very low and box tops are free.

Linda – brought up the fact that the same 5-6 people are carrying the load of 7 hundred kids, when we have 5-6 hundred parents who could help out.

How much more can we take on? Do we cut enrichment classes all together?

Cristina – if STAR takes over they would run everything, similar to PEAK with their own teachers, any current teachers would have to apply to STAR, this is just one option if we are unable to find an enrichment coordinator. Cristina will also look in to other types of enrichment groups/programs that will come to the school and work with our teachers.

Joyce – We bring it back to our teachers, make the enrichment choices smaller.

Linda – I have some numbers for enrichment. For session one, we still need to collect \$5000. I'll continue to collect.

Kelli – We'll get together in May and set all finalize all events and update the school calendar.

Cristina – we need to make a decision before summer break, to let STAR know.

Another option is we could hire a couple of people, and pay them to oversee everything if we are unable to get parent support. Or, we may just have to cancel the program altogether.

We'll need to vote on this, if we can't get an in house enrichment coordinator, at the next meeting. We don't have enough members to vote on it at this time.

Cristina – I will help with some positions until we can find replacement board members.

Linda – We need to stick with our big money makers like funds for our future, family fun day and camp Castlebay, let's not focus on the smaller fundraisers.

Kelli – we need to look for sponsors to cover our expenses.

Joyce – we had to cancel our 2nd book fair because of the lack of parent support.

Cristina – offered to help Joyce with Camp Castlebay, Joyce will connect with Mrs. Dorfman to figure out the specifics.

Diana – we need someone to go to the Town Hall meetings, Linda said Porter Ranch Community Counsel is willing to sponsor something for us, we just need to make the contact. Cristina said they're doing their budget and are willing to help at our family fun day event.

5th Grade – Diana - working on a lot of things for 5th grade, on 5/5 the 5th grade mother's day brunch is coming up. Pali Camp is coming up in 2 weeks. 5th grade Movie night is coming up this Friday.

Rehearsal is on June 5th. Culmination is on June 8th. Right now we have more than half of what we need to completely cover the class brunch and staff brunches. We'll also have many things for the kids to do at the brunch to keep them entertained.

Digital communications – running well, website is updated.

Room Parent – Kelli – No info

Safety – No info

Hospitality- Teacher Appreciation Day is coming up, 5/3 in the PAC– the event will be set up by 10:30. First lunch is 11:45. Cinco De Mayo theme.

Open house – will coordinate food and auction.

FYI -State legislation is trying to pass a bill to do away with box tops. Dawn and Joyce will work on a letter to send out to state legislation board.

New Business- None

Old Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.