

Path Meeting 9/21/16

Board Members Present

President, Sumi Alhadeff

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

1st VP – Corporate Sponsorship, Matt Wildstein

2nd VP- Fundraising, Joyce Almazan

3rd VP/Hospitality - Christina Nava-Perez

Safety Coordinator, Maria Ebenhoch

Treasurer – Linda Grigorian

Enrichment Coordinator – Patrick Perez - Absent

Room Parent Coordinator/Secretary – Kelli Chilingarian

Digital Communications – Deepak - Absent

5th Grade Coordinators – Diana Juarez and Janice Nardela

Principal – Victoria Littlejohn

Teacher Representative – Donna Blankenship-Absent

Board Members absent –3

Quorum Present – Yes

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

Durre Rizvi-Syed made a motion to accept the minutes from the last PATH board meeting.

Joyce seconded the motion.

All in favor, no opposed Motion passed.

Teacher's Report - Mrs. Littlejohn, spoke for Mrs. Blankenship –

Mrs. Blankenship said, the teachers love to engage in the competition for Funds for our Future. So when Durre is ready, the teachers are ready to engage.

Presidents Report - Sumi Alhadeff

I'd like to thank the people who came to help with the funds for our future presentation at back to school night. In the past, two parents went to each class room and presented to the actual class room, this was a little different where the parents got to see all of our faces and have an idea of who we are and who they can reach out to.

I've actually had some parents approach me who were at the presentation and ask how much we really need and if we're actually going to be cutting out some classes. I told them, yes, the reality of us losing classes is very real if we don't come up with the funds this year.

Mrs. Littlejohn said she didn't hear any negative feedback about the change in presentation this year.

Next PATH meeting is scheduled on a non- school day. Suggested reschedule date, October 14th. All agreed, meeting changed to October 14th @ 8:30am.

Do you all like evening or morning meetings? Majority of the executive board prefers mornings, we'll discuss, changing it at a later date. We can talk about it next month.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Littlejohn

I would like to give you a update on numbers since, I sent you out an email saying we were short a few number of kids. The district bases it on a K-3 and a 4th-5th. If we're short in k-3 we lose a teacher and if we're short in 4th-5th we have to pay money. We got our last child for a 3rd grade class at 9pm on my last day to get then in on Friday. So we will not be losing a teacher, however, because we're short 4th-5th graders, its costing governance money. They must pay \$110,000.00, which is almost half of their budget for this year.

Since we've all met, we had our flood; everyone is back to their class rooms except for room 6, which will take another two weeks. Room 6 is currently conducting class in room 2 for the next two weeks.

Governance board elections were held today. The ballots must be counted and the board will be announced on Friday. You're all welcome to attend the Governance meeting on Monday from 3-4:30 in the library. They are looking to fill 3 parents seats on that board.

Question: Why are the parents at Castlebay paying for Orchestra when there are other schools around here where the parents don't have to pay for Orchestra?

Answer: It's part of the Arts Program and you don't always get to choose what you want. What we have here as part of our Arts Program is our music teacher, and theater for second semester. We can put in our preferences, but ultimately the district chooses what classes you actually get.

First VP - Corporate Sponsors- Matt Wildstein

There has been discussion about one corporate sponsor per category, to benefit the corporate sponsor, however this hurts Castlebay financially. We're working on a solution, possible tiers. Higher tier, equals more exposure, including internet, extra banners, school paper, special event exposure. Plan is to have a tiers and no exclusivity. This will be a work in progress, to be discussed and voted on at a later date.

First VP – Funds for our Future- Durre Rizvi-Syed

Total donations to date are approximately, \$60,000.

\$1000. Donor Dinner will be postponed, until November 2nd, so we can get another letter out to the parents who have yet to donate. Also, a letter out to the parents who have donated to let them know the dinner has been postponed.

We have a total of 13 families who have donated \$1000. And the cost of the donor dinner is right now at a cost of \$850. @ Porter Valley.

So far, Mrs. Dorfman's class is at 100% participation in Funds for our Future donation campaign. Money is slowly trickling in. We are postponing all donor events until November to allow more time for donations. New graphs go up every Friday.

Funds for our Future Company Matches -

We would like to push the matching funds campaign. We'd like to send a flier out to let the parents know that a lot of companies will match their donation. We'll also send out a thank you letter for the parents who have already donated and also let them know about the

company match campaign. This could double the impact of a parent's donation, and really help out Castlebay.

2nd VP – Joyce Almazan

The Gift wrap fundraiser is underway it started on Monday. We already recieved \$1800. In online sales. I think the kids love the incentives, and parents love the online ordering.

Question: Is there a shipping fee if you purchase online.

Answer: Yes, because it's shipped directly to the purchaser.

The kids need to print out a coupon, so they can get a gift.

Cooks night out:

Islands tomorrow night.

Working with Mc Donald's to do a McTeacher's night

Red Robin has a loyalty card; link it to Castlebay. Castlebay will get cash back from Red Robin every time you use your loyalty card.

Magazine drive – is in January.

Winter Wear – will be launching in November.

Book Fair is coming up in October 31st – November 4th.

3rd VP – Christina Nava-Perez

Family Funday – committee is working hard to get preparations underway. Food Trucks can come. We are also looking for vendors.

Questions: Can the cub scouts do the flag ceremony?

Answer: yes

National Anthem - Possibly have Faith or a young man sing the national anthem.

Youth Volunteers – Jen Suttler and Alla George will look into gathering some kids from Chaminade to help out at FFD to complete volunteer hours.

They'll get a free lunch for volunteering their time.

Questions: Will vendors get a table? Or do we have to bring our own?

Answer: Bring your own.

Question: Did Porter Valley Country Club get a free booth this year? Matt said, I believe they've only donated \$100.

Answer: Can you go talk to them, and see what they can work out with us?

Knight of Hearts – PVCC needs a \$1000. to hold a date for the knight of hearts event.

A motion must be made.

Kelli Chilingarian made a Motion to approve \$1000. Deposit for the Knight of Hearts event at PVCC.

Linda Seconded the Motion.

All in favor, no one opposed. – Passed

Treasurer – Linda Grigorian

Dawn was approved at the begging of the year to work up to 18 hours. This was to help set up and prep for the upcoming school year. She worked the 18 hours and completed another 18

hours of overtime. She is not asking to get paid. I would like her to get paid the \$270. for compensation of the additional hours worked.

Kelli Chillingarian made a Motion to approve the \$270. compensation to Dawn.

Janice Nardella has seconded the Motion.

All in favor, no one opposed. - Passed

Linda would like to hire a CPA to help reconstruct and put our financials in order; also he reviews all the records and helps out with reviews at the cost of \$360. a month. This program is a continuation from last year. Last year's books will be open for audit.

Kelli Chillingarian made a motion to pay the \$360. a month to keep the accountant.

Joyce has seconded the Motion.

All In favor, no one opposed. – Passed

5th Grade Coordinators- Diana Juarez and Janice Nardela

Pizza sales have been going well; we are trying to figure out what works out. Pre --sales are starting and have helped out the long line. Hopefully a reminder can go out on the Sunday call. Game night -- is coming up for the 5th graders. We'll have a signup sheet for the Haunted House helpers at game night.

At game night, we'll have a raffle for a \$75. Target card, which was donated.

The church is booked for the 5th and the 8th for 5th grade culmination. We'll need a check for \$350. This is for the church deposit.

We have raised around \$1600. so far for 5th grade.

We would like to do a newspaper fundraiser. To be figured out and presented to the board.

Digital Communications – Deepak

Put up a flash banner. It'll be activated if we have any unforeseen incidents. It will notify the Castlebay families on what to do and what to expect.

He put up a news link and also Quicklinks.

Room Parents Coordinator – Kelli Chillingarian

Only two teachers do not have room parents. Horosny and Jones. We are working on getting someone to help them.

Enrichment Coordinator – Patrick Perez

Several classes have met their minimum to proceed,

However, several classes have not so they will be eliminated.

I will be here on site for the first two weeks to get started. We need to reorganize for next semester.

Traffic and Safety – Marla Ebenhoch

Traffic Situation is ridiculous. Parents are not taking the safety of our children seriously. There was a traffic accident out front this morning. In a separate situation, a parent was driving down

the street with a child on his lap. It's very dangerous out there. Let's have a committee meeting and see if there is something we can do.

Crosswalk concerns – Sumi will contact a consultant.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:05pm.