

Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary School

PATH Board Meeting

Minutes for August 24, 2016

Board Members Present

President, Sumi Alhadeff

1st VP –Funds 4R Future, Duree

1st VP – Corporate Sponsorship, Matt Wildstein

2nd VP- Fundraising, Joyce Aimazan

3rd VP/Hospitality - Christina Nava-Perez

Safety Coordinator, Maria Ebenhoch

Treasurer – Linda Grigorian

Enrichment Coordinator – Patrick Perez

Room Parent Coordinator/Secretary – Kelli Chilingarian

Digital Communications – Deepak Kumar

5th Grade Coordinators – Diana Juarez and Janice Nardela

Principal – Victoria Littlejohn

Teacher Representative – Donna Blankenship

Board Members absent – 0

Quorum Present – Yes

Called to order: 8:24am

Minutes from May 12, no changes

Accepted by Matt Wildstein

Seconded by Patrick Perez

Path President

Welcome to Path, member intro.

Teachers Report – Donna Blankenship – Thank you to PATH for the welcome back gifts.

Science Fair – Teachers would like a Science fair committee made up of parents, to coordinate emails, help get flyers out, and get the packets out to the

Back to School Picnic- A huge thank you to all of our Castlebay families who came out to join us. Phenomenal job by Christina Nava-Perez and all of her parents and teacher volunteers who helped her put it together. 5th grade did an amazing job on their first fundraiser.

A big thank you to Linda K. for taking on the Tile Wall. She got multiple bids for the installation and also oversaw the installation of the wall during summer break. Volunteer for carpool – come out and help. Assigned rooms will be notified soon. PATH web site looks awesome. Thank you, Deepak and Linda, for getting it all set up.

Welcome to Duree, who has graciously stepped in at the last minute to head up our Funds 4R Future campaign.

A big thank you to Alla , Christina and Joyce for putting together the welcome back teachers breakfast, to Alla who provided an amazing breakfast for the teachers of eggs, bacon, bagels, lox, sweet rolls, coffee, juice and more. Christina, the teachers gifts were so thoughtful. And finally, thank you to Joyce for taking the day off of work and overseeing that the breakfast ran smoothly. The breakfast was greatly appreciated by the teachers and staff.

For those of you that don't know, the teachers were provided a welcome back breakfast for their official first day back to school on 8-15-2016. This breakfast was donated entirely by Alla George (Castlebay Parent).

First week of school – Went well. Everything ran smoothly.

Principal's report

Welcome everyone. Great to see you all here. Hopefully you will keep coming. If you can't make the meeting, hopefully you will find ways of joining them on some of their committees. What looks like a rather large board is really just a small group of people who are trying to work all of the activities, fundraising and extra things that go on at our school. It is a lot of work. I do hope you can join them in something that peaks your interest.

We had a wonderful opening to the school year. Everyone is so happy to be back on our campus. Our school, although it needs a paint job, has never been cleaner. It was scrubbed and rescrubbed according to a very strict protocol that came from the Health Dept. and not LAUSD.

Next coffee with the principal is on September 8, 8:30am.

School is closed on Friday, September 2nd, and Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. Also, October 3rd and October 12th, school will be closed for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Lastly, we have a huge commitment to push technology and adding websites for the classrooms this year, so you will be hearing more about that in the future.

1st VP Corporate Sponsor – Matt Wildstein

Last year we had a challenge raising money since it's hard to sell banners on a school which has been relocated. We decided this year to be a little more complete and aggressive. We've lowered our pricing. Most affordable plan starts at \$300. With that you get a banner on the kindergarten side fence, and the second plan is \$625. With that you get a banner and your info on our school website. Last year's prices started at \$500 and went up to \$1,250. Let me know if you have anyone interested in being a corporate sponsor. Right now, we have about five sponsors. We will put up a banner asking if anyone is interested in corporate sponsorship. We just need to sell a little more to make up for what we've had in the past. This needs to be done as a group effort.

Porter Valley Country Club has been gracious enough to waive the initiation fee, and will donate \$100 back to Castlebay.

Funds 4R Future - Duree

Provides classes and aides which LAUSD does not provide for our children. Incentives will start going out next week. I need some volunteers to help with that.

2nd VP – Joyce

Shirt sales went well for the first week. Order form went home and is also available on the website. Gift Wrap fundraiser will roll out on September 19th and end on October 4th. Packets will go home and a link will go up on the website. Book fair has been moved to the same week as Halloween and Trunk or Treat. Legacy wall tiles will be available again this year. Linda and Joyce will be working on that with Color Me Mine.