

# Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Called to order at 6:05pm

**Attended by** Arianna White, Elly Irby, Harmony Harvell, Carrie Wilson, Lynnette Duncan, Kandice Rose, Kati Leigh, Tasha Lopez, Priscilla Lowell, Andrea Nielsen, and Jana Adams

## Admin

- Lynnette motioned to approve previous meeting minutes, Carrie seconded, all in favor
- Proposed addendum to bylaws Cash Box section from last meeting, all approved
  - Treasurer (or an alternate Board Member if Treasurer is not available) will take responsibility for secure storage of the cash box after each event. (Who has possession of the cash box should be documented, e.g. in the group chat or via email, at the close of each event.) If two Board Members are not available to count the cash box at the close of the event, Treasurer or alternate Board Member will take responsibility for secure storage of the cash box until such time as the cash can be counted.
- Elizabeth Allan resigned from her position on the board

## Treasurer's Update - Tasha

- Bank balance is \$3,849.05
- Wrote a check today for \$2,000 last year's yearbooks
- Still owe \$2,000 to Binkley, so we are in the red

## Playground Projects – Priscilla

- Wishlist has been put together on website, has been pushed out on our newsletter but should be added to Parent Square
- Carrie suggested putting bookmarks in Little Free Library with links
- Priscilla will be adding some bark to planter area under the oaks, want to add benches for calm space but have to measure
- Magnet board will be painted and put up, need sign saying “magnets, no chalk please”

## Principal's Update - Harmony

- Ruby Bridges walk to school was a really fun community event, Shake Shack provided hot cocoa to the kids after the walk, included all grades and RVP
- Turkey Trot for every \$2000 raised students get to pie someone (disposable pie pan of whipped cream)
  - First \$2000 is Harmony, then Gustavo, then Prosser, Renzi, trying to get more teachers on board
  - Turkey will be put out next week
  - Flyers for Turkey Trot will be passed out at drop off and pick up
- Conferences are going on, report cards go home during conferences
  - MTSS – Multi Tiered System of Support, added for kids who are struggling
- Data about students (who uses learning lab, reading and math scores, etc.) being moved into Educlimber to be able to better manage data, not let anyone slip through cracks
  - Next minimum Monday has a guest speaker to teach teachers how to best use the data
- UDL team has another meeting with the county office next week, teachers have been trying things out in class
- PLC going well, happening while kids are at PE right now, having some behavioral issues with kids at PE

## **Budget Committee – Arianna & Priscilla**

- School district has to cut \$4 million in next 2 years
- Problem is happening because California promised COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) of 4% and salaries and raises were based on that, then only 1% was delivered which has created a deficit
- Special Education funds are a huge portion of the budget, board meeting night before passed resolution to do an audit and make sure funds are being used appropriately
- One budget item is Amazon Purchases, a huge number with no explanation (classroom furniture? Classroom incentives?), can't cut it without knowing what it is
- Shared what people answered on the surveys that were sent out
  - ~200ish people responded to survey
  - Keep: mental health, aides for the classrooms
  - Cut: one on one aides? (only for kids with IEPs so cannot be removed)
- Cuts need to happen furthest away from children, starting at district office, next meeting will get into numbers
- Cuts also need to be equitable across all schools (different schools have different levels of need, e.g. number of students who need student coordinator support)
- Ways to increase revenue:
  - Reduce absenteeism (because schools only receive funding for students who are present)
    - Tardies and early outs count (not equal to one absence but they add up)
    - Upper grades are just meeting their required number of hours in class, but primary are over so maybe could change the starting hours for primary (e.g. not count as late until 9am) if that's a big source of tardies?
  - Leverage Oak Park property (other districts have done this, leased a space to the JC)
  - Get people to write grants for more funding
- Some one-on-one aides in classrooms are from outside agencies (behavioral specialists) because district is trying to hire and not getting enough people
- When cutting programs, need to make sure we're not taking away from teachers' prep time (when kids are in music class teachers get their prep time, there are minimums built in, 60 minutes a week for primary and 90 minutes a week for upper grades)
- Mr. Gustavo does Tier 1 support (serious counseling as necessary, etc.) and Student Advocate does Tier 2 (recess disagreements, etc. things that don't need to be escalated), if we lost funding for Student Advocate would take away a lot of what counselor is able to do
- If we don't make up difference in 2 years, state or county will take over and they will start at the bottom and cut things we want to keep, leave only what is legally required
- One idea to cut costs is combine districts (cut jobs from the top, don't need multiple superintendents etc.) but boards would have to agree and they don't
- Next meeting is December 9

## **Turkey Trot – Lynnette**

- Thursday November 21
  - TK to 3rd grade, 9:00-9:30am
  - 4th to 6th grade, 10:45-11:15am
- Every student has been uploaded to 99Pledges, only about 10% have donations so far
- Just shy of \$3000 raised
- Incentives will be added to board, Harmony mentioned in announcements
- Will be pushed out on Parent Square again
- Priscilla will help hand out flyers at drop off
- Lynnette will ask teachers if they want parent volunteers to help with tally marks

## **See's Candy – Kandice**

- Running 2 concurrent sales this year
  - Online “Yumraising” has 6 sales with \$148.80 profit for us so far
  - In person sales are ongoing until December 2, we won’t know how that one is going until the order forms are returned
- Order will be placed December 3, should arrive the following week and will need some help distributing it to classrooms (December 10 or later)

### **Winter Festival – Arianna**

- December 6, 5:30-7pm
- Instead of our usual Bingo, could we do Loteria night, ask Mr. Gustavo if he’ll volunteer
- Bingo or Loteria, wrapped present relay, pin the carrot on the snowman
- Bake sale, popcorn sale, hot chocolate bar, craft sale
- Card making station, paper snowflakes too with coffee filters, Elly will supervise, incorporate Send Our Seniors mail
- Ask for hot chocolate donations (mix, toppings, etc.)

### **Paint/Wine Event – Andrea & Lynnette**

- January 30 (Thursday but there’s no school Friday), 6-8pm
- Adults only, in MPR
- Can’t start serving wine until after care students are off campus at 6pm
- Painting portion will be run by outside person, can accommodate up to 50 people (as long as we have a projector set up so they can see), no minimum, charging us \$12 per person
- Presell tickets, \$25-30 for painting portion
- Andrea will donate wine, her husband will pour
  - Maybe beer from Russian River as well
- Andrea will reach out to local chefs and see if they would donate their time to make some dishes if we covered food, can also do charcuterie boxes
- Food and drinks can be purchased on site (only paint part needs to be presold), one cash box and tickets
- Costs for us will be alcohol license, custodian, food

### **Sprit Wear – Arianna & Kandice**

- We are still about \$1000 in the red, so let’s focus on selling what we already have before we make another order
- Don’t have the funding right now to buy another round of sweatshirts before Winter Festival, but let’s try to sell what we have on hand then

### **Boosters Flea Market / Rummage Sale – Arianna & Andrea**

- Sunday Spring Clean, April 27th
- Parents donate items, we have to go through them to make sure clean/working/appropriate
- Everything is \$1, maybe some exceptions
- Put out info soon so people can save things they’d otherwise get rid of now
- Donate whatever is left at the end (Goodwill will pick up)

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Turkey Trot, November 21
- Winter Festival, December 6
- Dine & Donates
  - Chipotle, December 16
  - Mary’s Pizza Shack, January 15

- Next meeting, December 5

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm