

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 14th 2018 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

6:33 pm

1.1. Welcome / Introductions

IN ATTENDANCE: Sam J., Tzena B., John H., Kyra F., Brendon Z., Kiersten B., Travis R., Emma M., Wendy W., Serena S.

1.2. Approval of agenda: November 2018 meeting

Addition of Funding Request and Parent Education info to agenda

M: JH, S: WW - Approved

1.3. Approval of minutes: October 2018 meeting

M: WW, S: TR - Approved

1.4. Correspondence/Feedback

2. Guest Spotlight

None

3. Teacher's Spotlight

Kiersten Brookes

Seaquarium

- Thank you for funding this great opportunity for kids to learn
- Kids get to take care of the tank, feed the sea life, perform salinity and temperature checks, monitor, record and enjoy
- Kiersten has been taking care of tank for 10-15 years and over the years it has provided many opportunities for children both in caring for the sealife and connecting to fieldtrips to teach children to be active in their communities.
- Encourages children to become citizen scientists and can link to community initiatives such as testing the water in the pond to determine if pollution is a cause for the lack of frogs in the school pond
- Provides opportunities to create movies and other schools have a Go Pro mounted to tank to stream live feed (magnified) as a teaching tool for kids
- Staff and EAs find value in it – initial set up was \$6000 and yearly cost is \$1500. Go Pro camera \$529 with mounting

4. Admin Report

Emma

- Jennifer Parlee is our wellness representative and attends meetings about social and academic success through "Second Stop" kits for each grade. Unit skills for leaning, empathy and problem solving. Information will be coming home.
- FSA exams for grade 4 over
- Excited about shirts from Walkathon – starting on Friday kids will be encouraged to wear shirts
- Earthquake food purchased – enough for a meal for everyone for first day, ¼ for second day. Next year will replace water and some food. About 1/3 of school sends in \$5. Supplies include tools, toilets, stuffies, supplies
- Huge earthquake reunification drill will be scheduled in May and parents will need to sign out kids and we will be taking supplies out of the bins. There will be new forms for emergency release at beginning of year.

Important Date Reminders for Nov/Dec

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| • Nov. 22 | Family Movie Night 6:30 pm | • Dec. 7 | Report Cards Home/Toonies for Tanzania ends |
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This is not a school drill – CRD drill; will occur on May 23 (Thursday at 2:00). At the May 8 PAC meeting the earthquake group will come to do 30 minute meeting for parents on drill

- Tree nursery – the logs have arrived and are waiting to be installed
- Movie choices – most of classes have had their input and will let PAC know tomorrow.
- Dec 13 winter concert – theme winter wonderland, wintery clothes, info to start in ebulletins Matinee 1:15 and evening show.
- Food bank doing now – amazing, lots of things coming in, kids realize that food is needed throughout year. Winter Concert will ask for sock, mittens or gloves instead food.
- OSC to be given advance warning of Winter Concert and movie night – Emma to check with Cindy

5. Executive Update

- 5.1. Elections (Secretary, Members-at-Large)
- 5.2. Tzena volunteered for Secretary (Thank you!)
- 5.3. Kira and Brendan to help with Fruit and Veggie program (Thank you!)

Secretary, Parent ed, Lice check, veggie program Marnie to buddy with someone.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1. Year To Date financial overview presented (attached documents)
- 6.2. Event update provided for Entertainment books, Walk-a-thon and Monster Ball.

7. PAC Event Reports (Updates/Feedback/Action Items)

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| 7.1. Welcome back BBQ | Thursday September 13th |
| 7.2. Walk-a-thon | Thursday October 18th |
| 7.3. Monster Ball | Friday October 26th |
| 7.4. Fun Lunch | Friday, November 16th |
| 7.5. Family Movie Night | Thursday November 22nd |
| 7.6. Tree Chipping/Bottle Drive/Electronics Recycling | Sunday January 6th |
| 7.7. Family Movie Night | Friday February 22nd |
| 7.8. PAC AGM | Wednesday May 8th |
| 7.9. Kindie Orientation | Thursday May 16th |
| 7.10. Spring Fair | Friday June 7th |
| 7.11. Teacher Lunch | TBD |
| 7.12. Final Assembly | Thursday June 27th |

8. Program Reports

- 8.1. **Fun Lunch:** Leanne
 - 8.1.1. November 16th
 - 8.1.2. January 25th
 - 8.1.3. March 1st

8.2. **Class Reps:** Kindrée

8.3. **Child Alert:** Bev

8.4. **Lice Check:** Vacant

8.5. **Fruit & Veggie program:** Marni

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8.6. **FaceBook:** Jasmine

8.7. **Thrifty Smile Card:** John

8.8. **Entertainment Books:** Wendy

8.8.1. September 18th - October 2nd

8.9. **Parent Education:** Vacant

-Our application was accepted and we were advise we would qualify for a \$250 grant from the School District to go towards a Parent Ed event.

-John H. will look at Parent Education options until a Parent Ed representative is appointed.

8.10. **Mabel's Labels:** Angie

Add to website – link

Add to class rep mail-out

8.11. **Book Fair:** Travis, Laura, Lisa

- Was successful and raised lots of money for new books for the library.

9. Funding Request

Travis Richie

- Last year we did a mural project which was an interactive project with kids participating. This year we would like to do something similar. There is a lot of history at the school but not a lot of student stories.

- Our proposal is to get kids to contribute one school related story (will be going around to classes tomorrow) and enlist the help of a memoirist – Robert Budd who has co-authored books with Vickers – to produce a 274 page book for the library or online.

- There will be follow up with classes throughout the year.

Motion to approve \$400 towards an author visit to help the kids prepare a book of Strawberry Vale stories.

M: KF, S: TB – Approved unanimously.

10. Old / New Business

10.1. **What is the PAC's role?**

10.1.1. Fund Raising

10.1.2. Fun

10.1.3. Communication

10.1.4. Other

10.2. **Other business/announcements/questions**

10.2.1. Tree Farm/Tree Chipping

Make arrangements to drop off bottles

Flyers

Pickup

Drop off trees by kindie program – drop off donation first week back

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11.Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday January 9th at 6:30PM

Adjourned 7:51

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