

Chapman Elementary School PTA
General Meeting
January 8, 2019
6:00pm
Chapman Elementary School

Minutes

Morgan Nystrom called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Helen moved to approve the November 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Angel moved to approve the December 2018 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report - Pamela Van Der Wolf reported the following staffing changes: two fourth grade teachers are out on leave and one is retiring now. One kindergarten teacher is out on medical leave until further notice. Kate, our head of cafeteria, is on medical leave for the next six weeks - we have replacement from WSMS. James Stevens is the new school psychologist (2 days/week - schedule TBD - she will announce when finalized). Interviews for EA are ongoing. Scott Demonti is leaving for full time employment at another school in the school district. We are required to share our 0.4 PE teacher with two other schools.

She also reported that the spring musical will be Aladdin - auditions will happen in the next few weeks.

Katy has been working on getting safety signage for the campus perimeter.

She agreed to investigate options for funding EAs during testing time.

Teachers' Report - Allyson Sievers had nothing to report. Morgan Nystrom promised to reach out to teachers re the proposed reading program. There are other schools in the district who are looking at resources to support teachers' continuing education and Morgan will reach out to them.

Financial Report - Cari Schwerd reported that since the December 2018, the PTA has received \$2800 in deposits, including a \$500 donation from a family trust and a \$1900 donation from Benevity.

Committee reports - see attached

Unfinished Business

- Upcoming PTA Meetings - Anna Dvortcsak reported that Gwen Sullivan was interested in presenting to families on internet use and safety. The PTA agreed that the best time for the presentation would be at the March general meeting. Morgan Nystrom reported that parents have asked about screening Screenagers. The PTA agreed that given the cost of screening Screenagers, it would be best to partner with another school to share costs and wait until after the March PTA meeting.
- Open Foundation positions - Anna Dvortsak reported that there are many Foundation positions that will be open next year. Foundation members whose positions are opening

up will send Helen Shum a description of the positions.

New Business

- PTA Welcome Board - Katy Vawter proposed that the PTA Board members have their photos posted with a welcoming statement.
- Outreach funding - Cari Schwerd reported that as of December 2018, \$11,600 was allocated for Outreach with \$7,500 earmarked for summer camps and \$2,000 earmarked for Clothing Closet. The PTA discussed ways to better publicize these opportunities - Cari Schwerd reported that only one family has taken advantage of the funding so far this year.
- Auction Paddle Raise - The PTA suggested a paddle raise to pay for increased and improved playground equipment, specifically tetherballs and funnel-type basketball hoops.
- Vote on PTA Vice President - Morgan Nystrom reported that Angel Stecht was voted in via email as Vice President.
- Increasing PTA membership - Natalie Maciukenas reported that the PTA has approximately fifty members this year - last year the PTA had 96 members. She suggested that this might be due to the reformatted sign up sheet distributed at the beginning of the year. The PTA agreed that it needed to better promote the monthly meetings, especially the meeting in March re internet safety and screen time, and needed to better publicize its contributions to the school, including organizations and funding for various events. The PTA Board members agreed to each submit a personal statement for inclusion in the Chimney Flyer.
- PTA Directory - The PTA discussed ways in which the family directory can be published earlier in the year.

Announcements

- Nicole Mather volunteered to review monthly PTA bank statements.
- The following volunteers are still needed: MLK/National Day of Service (January 21), STEM Night (April 2019), Art Ball (May 2019). Morgan Nystrom will ask the grade level representatives to send out emails.
- Pajamarama is not happening this year.

The next executive meeting of the PTA is scheduled for February 12, 2019 at 6:00pm at Chapman Elementary School. The next general meeting of the PTA is scheduled for March 12, 2019 at Chapman Elementary School.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Ursula Lalovic
Secretary

Approved: _____ /s/ Ursula M. Lalovic _____ Date: _____ 2/12/19 _____
Secretary

