

General Meeting Minutes September 2, 2014

- 1) **Call to Order** 8.45 a.m. (Alyson Whitaker)
Attendees Shokofeh Moradi, Joe Torres, Chneal Bergman, Megan Curtis, Cherie Francois, Danalynn Galvin, Christina Rockafellow, Patricia Picard, Sandy McMaster, Michelle Flanagin, Asya Karpelevitch, Tatianna Sergunina, Monica Hanson, Cheryl Thompson, Patrick Gavin, Beverly Brooks, Saraswathy Lakshimivaram, Abran Dreyfus, Alisa Dreyfus, Kindra Mendall, Lisa Ball, Karen Howe-Behrooz, Molleen Barnes, Alyson Whitaker, Deanna Murchison, Farzad Shahbodaghlou, Niki Chien.

- 2) **Welcome and Introductions**

- 3) **Approval of Minutes** Kindra motioned, Abran 2nd.

- 4) **Reports**
 - i) **President (Claudia Zuanich)** - Absent

 - ii) **Vice president (Natalie Campbell)** - Absent.

 - iii) **Superintendent (Molleen Barnes)** – First day of School was great.
We have a new SGUSD Facebook page. Please like the page and be part of the activities happening on campus.
We kicked off the school year by having a Welcome back Luncheon for the Staff. This year it was hosted by Alyson Whitaker and her daughter, Olivia at Sunol Glen School. It was wonderfully organized. The lunch was catered by Chipotle and sponsored by SGCC. Thank you for the luncheon.
The Ball Wall has been installed and is a huge hit among the children. Thank you SGCC for sponsoring the Ball Wall.
Back to School night is on Thursday (Sep 4, 2014). We ask parents to not bring children because there is not a lot of room to accommodate too many people. Teachers in each class will go over important information during back to School night. Almost 90-100% attendance in the past and we love that the parent-teacher relationship has been strong.
This year Common Core standard has been mandated, as you all know. The school likes the new standards because it is more rigorous and relevant. It gets the students prepared for life beyond school and college, for jobs in the future.
Mrs Barnes is taking advantage of technology by issuing weekly videos.
A new portable will be coming soon for Music. The keyboards will be moving out of the Library to the portable as soon as it arrives.
Red Ribbon week is Oct 13-17, 2014.
Thank you for sending your children to SGUSD. It is a pleasure working with them and thank you for being fabulous parents. “Knowledge will glean in 2015”.

 - iv) **Secretary (Saraswathy L.)** – Nothing to report.

- v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – Each of you must have received a quarterly report. Brief information about the many ways SGCC raises money for the school. Walk-A-Thon, Spring fundraiser, E Scrip program, Target Redcard, Corporate Matchinf etc.
 TDF: All of the returning teachers this year received \$300 this year from SGCC + the money each teacher earned through TWT. We have one new teacher joining the staff this year(5th grade teacher) and SGCC is supporting her by giving her \$700 in addition to the \$300 to start the class off (a total of \$1000). We had two teachers swap grade levels this year (K/1 and 4th Grade). There are basic set up expenses that come with a new classroom so SGCC provided these two teachers with additional \$350 each.
 In regards to the decision of how to spend the money raised, SGCC goes through a pretty extensive budget process. The budget period runs from Nov1 st -Oct 31st. This allows time in the first few weeks of school for the teachers to formulate ideas about the needs they see. The Ball Wall, Track etc were brought to fruition this way through the support of local businesses and SGCC. If anyone is interested in being a part of the budget committee please sign up during the October meeting. There will be a couple of Budget committee meetings in October to discuss priorities and formulate a preliminary budget for the year and it will be presented at the November meeting for a membership vote of approval.
- vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – Acknowledgment of volunteers who have already fulfilled the 2-hr pledge within the first week of school: SGCC Board, Abran and Alisa Dreyfus, Gigi Capezello, Gin Wesener, Karen Howe Behrooz, Jennifer Rampton, Patrick Gavin. Please turn in the blue 2 hr Pledge Form with how you would like to volunteer. We will get back to you with details on each event/activity.
 The office would like to make sure that whoever signs up to volunteer fills out the Volunteer Form and submits a TB Free test result before you begin volunteering at school.
 The first Jooners has been sent for the Welcome Back Social. Please sign up.
 There are two Facebook pages: One is the SGUSD and the other is the SGCC. If anyone would like to become the Admin for the SGCC FB page, please let Cheryl or Saraswathy know.
 Please sign up to bring treats for SGCC meetings. Coffee will be provided by the Ball family.

5) Key Business

- i) Garden Committee (Abran and Alysa Dreyfus)
 Thanks to SGCC for contributing to the garden. The first Garden meeting will be on Sep 5th and the first Garden class will be on Sep 11, 2014. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the garden, please sign up. No prior experience is required.
- ii) Welcome Back Picnic (Karen Howe Behrooz)
 It will be on Sep 6th, 2014 from 2p-4p. Jooners has been sent out, please sign up to help out. Volunteers will be needed to scoop out ice creams ahead of time and leave it in the freezer for the ice cream floats.
- iii) Book fair(Patrick Gavin)
 It will be from Sep 26 through Oct 3, 2014 in the Library. The theme this year is Sir Read-A-Lot. If anybody wants to co-chair that'd be great. The funds that come through the book fair are funneled through SGCC to literacy for the students in the classroom. It would be great to get older students from Student Council to volunteer during lunch hours.

iv) Walk-A-Thon(Kindra Mendall)

The date is Oct, 3, 2014; the first Friday of October. The theme for this year is going to be “Walk on the Wild Side’. Watermelon, Gogurts and water will be provided. Please sign up on Jooners to help with set up, clean up, volunteering at different stations etc. The T-shirt forms and Sponsorship forms have to be filled out and returned by Sep 12,2014. There are staff and adult T-shirts available too. Anyone interested in joining the committee, please join us at the Railroad Café at 8:30am on Wed, Sept 3rd. Looking for people to coordinate Volunteers (day of), Sponsorships, Giveaways and Lap Activites.

v) Santa’s Secret Shop

Sharon and Steph not present. Alyson briefly reported on what Santa’s secret shop is. It is a holiday store in the Library! The students shop for their family members. Steph and Sharon have taken it to a new level in regards to the quality of things available for purchase. The funds have been used for various activities, last year it went to the Science Fair. More information will be sent out soon.

vi) Volunteer 2 Hr Pledge & Training(Cheryl Thompson)

Thank you to all who filled out the blue 2 hr pledge form.
All volunteers are advised to go through the volunteer training that will take place in campus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (Sept 9, 10, 11 from 8:30a-9:00a in the Cafeteria). The Volunteer Form is required to be submitted every year, and the TB Free verification is valid for 4 years.

vii) School Directory(Cheryl Thompson)

Please fill out the information for the school directory and return it by Friday, Sept 5th. This helps in sharing information for room parents to get parents’ emails for class parties, field trips, play dates, carpools etc.

viii) Recycle Friday(Michelle Flanagan)

The first Recycle Friday is going to be Sep 26, 2014. There will be a row of the bins with teachers’ names. Please drop off your recyclable items – only aluminum cans and CRV plastic and glass bottles (pre-sorted is best). The money that is raised goes towards buying reusable containers for the students that will be distributed during Earth week. Each month we tally which classroom wins, and the classroom that has the most wins through the school year will get a popsicle treat. A sign-up sheet was distributed for helping out with sorting the recyclables.

ix) Family Bingo Night(Megan Curtis)

Bingo Nights were super successful in the past, so we are bringing it back this year. It will most likely be Nov 7, 2014. Donations for gifts are appreciated - some of the gifts that are popular are gift cards. Pizza, cookies and dessert were served in past events. Scrip gift cards are an option too. Alyson has some gift cards left over from an event in the past.

6) Announcement

Purchase Scrip Gift Cards to support the Washington DC Trip
The next SGCC meeting will be on Oct 7,2014 in the Cafeteria.

7) Adjournment

9:58a.m. Kindra Mendall moved. Patrick Gavin2nd.

