

General Meeting Minutes November 4, 2014

- 1) **Call to Order** 8.45 a.m. (Claudia Zuanich)
Attendees Claudia Zuanich, Natalie Campbell, Alyson Whitaker, Cheryl Thompson, Saraswathy Lakshmivaram, Abran Dreyfus, Alisa Dreyfus, Jennifer Rampton, Lisa Ball, Don Ball, Monica Hanson, Molleen Barnes, Sharon Morris , Jessie McGuire, Joe Torres, Quintina Lacey, Beverly Brooks

- 2) **Welcome and Introductions**

- 3) **Approval of Minutes** Alyson motioned, Claudia 2nd

- 4) **Reports**
 - i) **President (Claudia Zuanich)** – Nothing to report

 - ii) **Vice president (Natalie Campbell)** – Nothing to Report

 - iii) **Superintendent (Molleen Barnes)** – Oct 21 was the earthquake drill.
In the latest “Moments with Molly”, please listen to how our school has adopted the Lucy Calkins method of writing. Parents and teachers have noticed there’s an improvement in children’s writing since this method has been adopted. Thanks to the Common Core implementing funding source we have been able to set aside a healthy fund to propose giving the staff training in the Lucy Calkins method.
Red Ribbon week was very successful. The window posters were wonderful, we had a little contest. The teachers did a great job in helping the students connect to the cause and help teach the importance of making good choices.
Halloween parade was wonderful; it felt like the rain stopped just for us. We had more parents, grandparents, supporters than we have ever had before. What a success!
Parent conferences are from Nov 17-21.
Thanksgiving break is Nov 24-28.
2015-2016 School Calendar - Pleasanton USD has voted to modify their calendar. Sunol Glen is aligned with Foothill High in Pleasanton; therefore next school year will start on August 11th, 2015. There will be added Fall Break in Oct 2015 (Thanksgiving, winter & Spring Breaks will remain the same) and school will end on June 3rd, 2016.

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

 - v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – We took in a lot more money than we spent in October. We brought in almost \$6250 in residual WAT income.
Thanks to Bev Brooks for putting the ESCRIP information in a flyer. We encourage each of you and your extended family to sign up for EScrip, Target Red Card, and Amazon Smile etc. to raise funds with no effort.

- vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – A big thank you to Bev Brooks for populating the volunteer tree with hands. Star Volunteers , who have completed 20+ Hour Volunteers in the month of October are Andrea Wood, Beverly Brooks, Don Ball, Elena Ticas, Hazel Mason, Jessie McGuire, Kelly Johnson, Sharon Morris, Shokofeh Moradi, Steph Serpa and Stephanie Dougherty. They will be recognized with yellow hands on the Volunteer Tree and receive a star name tag on a lanyard, or a star pin. 2+ Hour Volunteers will be recognized with green hands on the Volunteer Tree. As of end of October we have 124 volunteers who have logged ~1,650 hours of service! Yay! This number is on the low end since there are volunteers who do work at home as well as those whose hours have possibly not been counted.

5) Key Business

- i) Garden Committee (Jennifer Rampton and Abran & Alysa Dreyfus)
We have a kitchen sink set up, have running water and Deanna Murchisson's company donated two prep tables. We are hoping to purchase propane stoves so that we can cook the vegetables that are grown in the garden and serve to the children. Garden Work Day is scheduled for Thurs, Nov 6th from 8:30a-12:30p. Come join us to create a living willow dome, expand the compost bins and install a misting system in the greenhouse. No experience required. Other future projects include a worm box, bat box, additional benches/seating and composting scraps from cafeteria lunches.
- ii) Budget Committee (Alyson Whitaker)
We had a great committee this year comprising of Don Ball, Alyson Whitaker, Claudia Zuanich, Bev Brooks, Cheryl Thompson, Monica Hanson and Sharon Morris. We sent out a survey to the staff asking for their needs and technology and literacy was their main priority. We have an estimated \$54,678 in income and that's a conservative number. As of today, right now, we have over \$50,000 in our bank account so we are in a very healthy shape as we look at the expenditures. The operations of the SGCC have been kept at a low minimum of \$700.
The budget has been split into
- 1) Student enrichment which comprises of field trips, literacy, socials, garden etc.
Field trip subsidy (total \$5500) will continue at \$500 per class, plus \$680 to the field trip student aid fund to restore the account to \$2000. Literacy allocation (\$5500) will give each classroom \$500 plus \$3000 to purchase a color printer and a large area rug (\$1500) for the library, as well as increase grade-level non-fiction and titles to school library (\$1500).
 - 2) Teacher /classroom support which includes Staff Appreciation Week, back to school luncheon, staff hospitality, etc. Teacher requests so far are the large format printing support (\$100 per grade level), music (\$4000 for percussion, conductor stands etc) and art kiln & glazing supplies (\$4000).
 - 3) Parent support which includes WAT tshirt display (\$300), solar night light in the parking lot etc (\$5000), distinguished school car magnets (\$375), volunteer recognition (lanyard pins etc \$250) and large cork board (\$600).
 - 4) Technology allocation (\$15000) will go toward ipads for each classroom (the goal is to have 4- 5 ipads in each classroom) with any excess going to additional student laptops. Staff technology liasons will work together to evaluate needs and make purchasing decisions.

iii) Recycle Friday (Liz Hall)

Mrs. Lauer's class brought in the most bags in October. We made \$134 total!
The next Recycle Friday is Nov 21.

iv) Book Fair (Natalie Campbell & Patrick Gavin)

The jousting was a success. Our teachers are such amazing sports! It was fantastic that the firefighters joined in the fun too!

v) Family Bingo Night (Megan Curtis)

Our Family Bingo night will be on Nov 7 from 6pm to 8pm.
Jooners has been sent out requesting donations and volunteers.

vi) Santa's Secret Shop (Steph Serpa & Sharon Morris)

We have many items in stock that are good deals.
Homemade crafted donations due on Fri, Dec 5th.
Dates still TBD, but possibly Dec 9th-12th.
Will ask 6th Graders to volunteer to help with sales and gift wrapping.

vii) Art Cards (Natalie Campbell)

Natalie will send out more information in the newsletter.
Packets can be picked up from the office, and must be returned by Fri, Nov 21st, for printing in first week of December.
The proceeds will go towards funding of an art kiln.
Thank you to volunteers for folding the cards

viii) Spelling Bee (Gabor Lakos)

The spelling bee is scheduled to be on Jan 15, 2015.

ix) Spring Fling

We need a chair for the spring fling. If anyone is interested, please let us know.

6) Announcements

There will be no meeting in December. Claudia moved, Alyson 2nd.
Next meeting will be in January on Jan 6, 2015.
Don't forget to vote in the Nov elections.

7) Adjournment

10.00a.m. Joe motioned. Natalie 2nd.