



John Green PFC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
PFC General Open Session 6:30PM – 7:35PM

Meeting Called to Order: 6:33PM

In Attendance:

Priyanka Sharma- Sindhar - President
Shruthi Manish- VP of Fundraising
Sabrine Nainar- Co-director of
Volunteers
Tracey Yeun- Co-director of Volunteers
Angie Kojrekar- Secretary
Cindy Gilbertson -Co-director of
Programs
Ameeta Shah- Co-director of Programs
Chiao Zielinski – Treasurer of Deposits
Preeti Dharia – Director of Communications
Gary Grotke-School Principal
Sarah Tuthill – Assistant Principal
Bridgette Jakubowicz-Teacher Representative

Absent:

Meeting Called to Order: [6:33PM]

President Priyanka called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone

Norms Reviewed:

Be Polite,
We are all on the same team-let's behave like it!

Hold the drama,
We all want our kids to have the best experience possible.

School vision was also shared

Three parent participants introduced and welcomed.

Board members Introduced

Review of May minutes completed by Secretary

Vote in New Members:

Aneela Fez-Treasurer of Budgeting

Motion to vote, all approved

Cindy Gilbertson-Director of Programs

Motion to vote, all approved

Ameeta Shah-Director of Programs

Motion to vote, all approved

Update for Fall Check In:

Mr. Grotke shared that the fall check in went very smoothly and well. Principal thanked all parents and staff for doing a great job and helping the process.

Calendar of Events:

Preeti shared the calendar of events. Programs for the whole year were discussed and reviewed. Many of the programs were sponsored by the PFC. Discussed that some of the programs have changed over time. Muffins with Moms and Doughnuts with Dad changed to Pastries with Parents. Preeti mentioned that some of the events on the calendar are funded

by PFC while others are funded by the school through the ASB. All the events are shared on the PFC webpage. Mr. Grotke shared that quality is important, not always quantity of events. PFC and parent community discussed that some of the events may need to be eliminated. Mr. Grotke shared that a survey should be given to both teachers and parents to gain input on which events are important to continue. Preeti shared that more volunteers and chairpersons are needed.

Immediate Needs for Events:

Tracey shared that volunteers are needed for Fall Festival. Ideas and sponsors needed. They would like to do a Silent Auction and additional donations are needed. Parents have donated things like a Pixar tour, Tesla for a weekend and other things. Invited new parents to join. Trunk and Treat help is also needed. Sponsors needed (approximately \$1,500) needed.

Principal's Update:

Mr. Grotke thanked everyone and acknowledged how wonderful the students, staff and community is at John Green. The Principal shared how phenomenal John Green Elementary School is and how many great things Dublin Unified School District is doing for students. Mr. Grotke shared that last year was difficult. Mr. Grotke shared that he is working with teachers and parents in order to ensure that there is complete transparency in the budget for all accounts and expenditures. Mr. Grotke shared that there wasn't transparency in the budget. Principal shared that the budget needs to be simple, clear and transparent. Decisions need to be made and money needs to be spent efficiently. Mr. Grotke stated that Dublin Unified School District mandated that ASB accounts be created across the district in order to ensure that all money spent is accounted for. This ensures that money that is raised or funds accumulated raised during the school day must be accounted for by law (Ed Code). Mr. Grotke stated that the bylaws need to be followed. Mr. Grotke stated that everyone is here for our children and we all want the best for them. Mr. Grotke shared that he is getting feedback from staff and parents in order to move forward. We have \$5,000 left over or carried over from last year. There was \$8,000 set aside and left for library expenditures. Some money was also left and set aside for Intervention funds for Intervention students. Moving forward, the Principal stated that there has to be adherence to bylaws and an audit will be completed. Both PFC and ASB accounts will be transparent to all.

Art in Action Discussed:

Teachers gave some input on Art in Action and shared concerns with the cost of it. Amy was our parent chairperson for Art in Action. Mr. Grotke shared that Alameda County has programs for Making Art Visible and integrating art in all different content areas/curriculum. Mr. Grotke shared that Art in Action is not canceled, but needs to be discussed further. More options need to be considered. Some of the concerns expressed by teachers included: lack of parent volunteers, costs associated with it and other things. Mr. Grotke stated that Art in Action will be discussed further and more options on how we want to implement art in our schools will still be considered. Mr. Grotke proposed forming a committee to ensure that art is integrated our schools in someway. The goal is that by December, this committee (task force) will come together to make a decision on art and how it will be integrated.

School Site Council and ASB Account:

Mr. Grotke shared that Student Site Council is responsible for carrying out the SPSA (the school plan). The ASB Account will be managed by the School Site Council. The School Site Council is run by at least 5 parents and 5 teachers to create balance. Parent (Albert) asked about why so much money disappeared. PFC members pointed out that it was spent on the school. Mr. Grotke stated that the goal is to be transparent, following bylaws and an audit will be completed to rebuild trust.

Boy Scouts:

Matthew Lindberg from the Boy Scouts and Albert Lee both discussed involvement of Boy Scouts with John Green. Albert stated that John Green would charter the boy scouts. Adult application forms need to be signed by the charter organization. This allows adults to be clear to be involved with the youth. PFC voiced concerns that the school and organization do not want to be liable. Mr. Grotke stated that he would like to have further conversations with the pack leaders to understand the rationale, the intent, etc.

Treasurer Report:

Chao shared the Treasurer report. The reports will be shared online through PFC. Chromebooks were purchased by PFC. Library funds need to be paid (\$8,000) so a total of \$5,000 is left in reserve. Chao shared a summary of the revenue, expenditures and reserves. The Budget is still being worked on. The budget will be presented at the next PFC meeting. Total PFC donations generated are in the ballpark of \$45,000. This money was generated during the Fall Check In.

Motion to be able to spend \$3,000 to cover current costs until budget is reapproved

Motion was approved

Teacher Update

The teacher on the board thanked parents for flexibility of back to school night. The full time counselor has been visiting classrooms and supporting all students in their social emotional area of needs.

Meeting adjourned (8:35pm)