

# Arroyo Vista Elementary School PTA General Association Meeting October 21, 2020

**Call to Order:** PTA President, Karissa Adams, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the General meeting were approved as read.

## **School Board Update: Dr. Suzie Abajian**

- Thanks tech team for helping everyone online.
- High school Well Being team, the students conducted a survey on how students are doing on the online platform. The survey was informative to get the results and give ideas on how to help students.
- A presentation was given at the school board on modifying the middle school distance learning schedule.
- The school board passed the resolution in support of Prop 15. Prop 15 will fix issues from Prop 13.
- School board also approved the business learning plan for the middle school.
- Extended the contract for the cabinet members.

## **SPEF Representative: Catie DiFelice**

- Would like to thank everyone that helped with the Fall Fun Drive. SPEF has raised money so far. SPEF would like to have 100% participation from all the families at all the schools.
- Early November, orange lawn signs will be distributed to all that contributed.
- Halloween themed science lab for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be \$50 a student.
- In the process of reviewing teacher grants. Will announce the winners by the beginning of November.

## **Principal's report: Kim Sinclair**

- On Tuesday, the three elementary principals worked together to create a menu of professional development.
  - Teacher resources presented by Amy DeGaetano
  - Dream Box
  - Reading Rangers
  - Community Building
- Teachers are getting ready for teacher parent conferences. This year conferences will be over a 2-week period. They will begin November 9<sup>th</sup> and end November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Grading Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, no school that day.
- Teacher Parent Conference sign up link will be sent out on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Distance Learning Survey results for AV are in. The staff will be examining and discussing the data.
- School Site Council this year consists of Anna Festa, Jackie Tolj, and Catherine Kelly, with continuing members Michelle Eli, and Janis Ortega. Teacher reps are Kyle Bender, Tim Hayes, and Anastasia Ebbert. Classified rep is Leslie Brill.

## **President's Report: Karissa Adams**

The following announcements were made:

- Our district has no plans on applying for a waiver.
  - The PTA will not be writing a letter supporting reopening for South Pasadena district. California State PTA has advised local PTAs not to write a letter in support because of the potential liability it could bring on the PTA. PTA represents the views of the entire community and we do not want to push an agenda one way or the other.
- Events
  - Movie Night – Would like to thank everyone who helped with the event this year.
  - Natural History Museum Assembly – was a great assembly for the students, huge success. Thank you, Brian Mahler.
  - Monthly Art Program – Thank you Cassandra and Erin. The program is amazing!
  - Art Reflections – a beautiful website was created with all the student submissions. Winners will be announced at next week's assembly.
  - Red Ribbon Week – is this week with a lot of fun activities.
  - AV Active – Every week live Zoom for physical fitness.
  - AV Gives Back – Information is on the website.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – Popcorn buckets at movie night was a great fundraiser. Popsicle sales are happening on Fridays during lunch pick up.
  - Leslie Brill is looking into PE equipment.
  - AV Directory – is finished. The directory is digital and should be sent out within the week.
  - Hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> Equity Committee Meeting next Thursday, October the 29<sup>th</sup>. This is meeting is open to everyone at AV.
  - School board candidates meeting which will be recorded and sent out. All the candidates were interviewed separately, a link to the YouTube channel it was posted on is on the Special Needs Committee website.
  - Fall Book Fair – will be held virtually. PTA is looking into providing a free book to every student. Working on details.
  - Student Council - has put together Halloween decorating tips. If you participate, please take pictures, and send it to [community@avpta.org](mailto:community@avpta.org) and student council plans on putting together a video to be shown at the assembly.
  - The Bright Side Magazine – looking for submissions from families to add to the magazine of activities students have been doing during quarantine. For example, cooking recipe, artwork, or a new hobby.
  - Ink Drinkers Book Club – Each grade (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) level will meet with Mrs. Baydaline weekly. Sign up are currently happening and Ink Drinkers begin next week. The plan is to have this program for the rest of the year. Any student that needs a book purchased to participate will be provided by the PTA.
  - Motion: Karissa moves to spend approve the spending of \$3,850.00 that will be for 22 weeks at 3 days per week for Ink Drinkers Book Club which will be contracted through Mrs. Baydaline. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
  - Fall Sing/All School sing which is usually need in the fall will be moved to Spring of next year.
  - Jog A Thon – will be held in some format next year during the spring.

## **Financial Report: Judy Asakura (see attached)**

- Bank statement from September 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Beginning balance \$205,740.36
  - Deposits totaled \$8,454.15.

- Receipts -\$81,246.82 (Back2Class Fundraiser & PTA Membership dues)
- Disbursements - \$12,083.58
- Ending balance - \$120,864.11
- Motion: Judy moves to ratify check numbers 4445 – 4475 totaling \$95,432.71 and voided check 4468. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.
- Will file financial report for audit.

**Wish Night: Erik Gammell (see attached)**

- Total for Wish Night is just over \$72,000 donated.
- Overall, 60% participation.
- Mrs. Diaz classroom had the highest participation, followed by Mrs. Jara and Mrs. Sysock.
- Motion: Erik Gammell moves to ratify check numbers 2514-2537 totaling \$12,107.02. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.

**Ways and Means: Jennifer Wang**

- Amazon – Amazon Smile please link your Amazon account to support AV Elementary PTA.
- Spirit Wear – link will go live at the Parent Party and then to the rest of the AV community on Sunday.
- AV Marketplace – Info session the last 2 days with high school students. A virtual catalog is how businesses will promote themselves.

**Parliamentarian: Cindy Shin**

- Cindy read Article 5, Section 1 - 7 re: Nominating Committee.
- Nominating Committee requires 5 members and 2 alternates.
- Proposed Nominating Committee
  - Brian Mahler
  - Cindy Shin
  - Stella Jang
  - Ryan Dwyer
  - Jackie Tolj
- Alternates
  - Laura Kistner
  - Patricia Urzua
- No nominations from the floor.
- All approved, no abstentions.

**New Business: Karissa Adams**

- AV mural – Erin Bonz and Cassandra Kaldor (see attached).
- Motion: Cassandra moves to approve the spending of \$2500.00 to paint a mural at AV on the designated wall by artists DABSMYLA. The mural will be approved by the mural committee and Karissa, Megan, and Kim Sinclair. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
- Parent Party update from Panda
  - Virtual trivia begins at 8:30 pm and ends at 10:30 pm.
  - Google Form to form team was sent out yesterday please fill out by tomorrow.
  - Space still available for trivia night.
  - Party packs will be picked up from Panda's house on Friday from 4 pm – 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 11 am.
  - Raffle tickets – can be purchased at party pack pick up.

- Link for trivia night will be sent out on Friday.
- Art with Mrs. Swanborn will begin in mid-November. Art pick up supplies date to be determined.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to end the meeting at 8:40 pm by Karissa Adams.

**Submitted by:** Patricia Urzua, Arroyo Vista Recording Secretary

**Date Approved:**

**Signed by:** \_\_\_\_\_