

Paradise Valley Home and School Association Meeting

Minutes

August 31, 2017

8:00 AM - Cafeteria

1. Call meeting to order - Denise David/

Meeting called to order at 7:56

2. Welcome and Introductions - Denise David/Torey Cetani

3. Review May Minutes - Torey Cetani/Teresa Peschke/Brenda Sandoval

Kelley Chimienti made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Kingman seconded. All in favor, none opposed

4. Treasurer's Report - Denise David/Vanet Murawsky

Denise David gave the financials for April, May, June, and July 2017
Kelley Chimienti made a motion to approve, Torey Cetani seconded. All in favor, none opposed

5. Principal's Report - Swati Dagar

Welcome

Swati thanked the parents who attended the meeting, and said we are off to a great start this year. Talked about needing more involvement from parents. The school year is off to a great start, now that initial classroom movements, and enrollment is done. Talked about wanting to have a collaborative partnership with the HSA, parents, teachers, and staff. Talked about moving away from worksheets to project based learning. Teachers are being trained by the end of September. Kids learn through play and struggling to find a solution. In the real world, there aren't worksheets.

Swati talked about her five year plan, starting last year with integrated units and this year with project based learning, in order to change the way we teach, using a whole child balanced approach.

Talked about #PantherPride. She passed out a worksheet explaining Panther Pride. Panther Pride stands for: Preparation, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, Etiquette. Moving away from consequences, to rewards based strategy. All students, including Kindergarten will now be receiving Panther Pride tickets, and all teachers are on board. Teachers will circle attributes on the panther pride tickets, when the student is given the ticket. Swati wants to integrate project cornerstone into panther pride, using the expectation matrix, which was passed out at the meeting and is posted on the got info board, not rules. Teachers will be going over this at back to school night, next week. Appreciate the parents putting our school in a positive light. the parents are the ones who can put our school in a sportive light, Swati has an open door policy to answer questions from parents, and is happy to answer questions.

On behalf of the teachers, thank you, teachers need help with one yard. its \$20,000, usually the cost is split between HSA and the school. 3rd graders want to be Jr Coach's. Ask that we do fundraising to raise money.

Swati has asked us to partner with mathnasium. If we sign up to host a math night at the school, they will give us \$1000, that we can use towards One Yard. The math night would be towards the end of November. No money out on our part to host the math night. Swati needs \$10,000 from us for One Yard. If we do this we need to raise \$9,000. Math night would be like a game night. It would be a free night, its advertising for them, math skills for kids. One yard is a student leadership program, as well as PE. Jr coaches get recess warriors shirts to wear. 3rd, 4th, 5th. 2 or three kids from each class. year long commitment. every other Positive way of developing student leadership. The staff would be here every day, after school, they are background checked.

Kinder teachers are looking for playground equipment,

There are other leadership opportunities as well, including, student council, Expect respect, 4th grade does class government, and safety patrol.

Swati would like us to raise money to buy Chrome books for kindergarten. First has access to roving chrome books, but she would like a set for each class. Last year we approved money for Chrome books, but it was spent on robotics. Its not in the budget right now. Ask your companies for matching funds. Does your company pay for volunteer hours? Asking \$8000 for chrome books. 30 Chrome books on one cart. They

need to go to the district to configure them before they can come to the school. maybe a couple of weeks.

Can we do a directed fundraiser for Kindergarten and first for chrome books.

Last year we didn't have enough volunteers to get everything done. We didn't have enough parents helping fundraisers.

6. Vote in 2017-18 Budget - Vanet Murawsky

Art cart was on twice. Change expense to -\$118,614.00

“Feed the teachers so they don't eat the teachers.”

questions about 4th grade field trip

Passive fundraising opportunities, Amazon smile, Escrip, Scrip, this is all money that goes to our school. box tops for education, Checklist of all the ways we fundraise and parents can help

Move to approve Carol

Second Yada

No opposed

7. Committee Reports

1. Volunteer Opportunities - Jaime Dillard/Leilani Bettencourt

There's a lot

HSA website of all the volunteer opportunities

see a HSA board member, tell us what you want to do

sign ups after the meeting

talk to your friends here at school, try to get others involved in committees.

Chair positions, need fills

adopt a family November through December, list of family from the school.

Anonymous

Gear a Day coordinator \$5 a gear.

Assemblies

Family dinners out, partnering with local restaurants

ideally one a month, mostly at home.

Parents Night Out

Huge fundraiser, committee, instead of one person, huge project. February 10, 2018. Auction, working with local businesses.

Volunteer badges- through the district. Finger prints Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. \$15, TB test. takes about a week.

2. Panther Prowl - Torey Cetani/Yada Forbes

September 22, 2017.

Just started reaching out to sponsors. right now we have \$400,

We need a lot of help with the event

on the field, inside,

usually raises around \$25,000 goal.

money goes to general fund

Assembly on September 14th.

yard signs \$10

drive through sell signs

3. 5th Grade Fundraising - Denise David science camp, \$350 each student, busses, and tuition. 102 5th graders

1. Movie Night- first one we made \$900

2. Poinsettia Sales- October, \$10 for small, \$25 for large. Individual sales

3. Fall Festival- October 13. carnival, dinner, cake walk, pumpkin patch, 5th graders run the booths,

possible hydrangea sales,

4. 4th Grade Fundraising - Kelley Chimienti/Yada Forbes/Stacey Chapman Sacramento trip

This is the 3rd year doing it.

Teachers are picking the date in late may, working with district on bussing, have to have a bathroom bus. Boninio is doing all the contracts through the district.

Mixed bag fundraiser 50% back

5. Project Cornerstone - Lund DeCurtis/Jaime Dillard/Carol Alciati
Luna- building self esteem, once a month stories read to the kids. Caring adults,
county wide program. Bucket filling, positive behavior programs,
beatification day within the month.
check online, you can see the vocabulary, themes, etc
6. Assemblies- Teresa Peschke- Working on them with Swati

8. New Business

1. Request to purchase a listening station for new kinder teacher
Cost is \$300 for books on CD read the books to the students while they
follow along.
Kelly move to spend up to \$300
second luna
none opposed
2. Request to purchase carpet circles for Kim Silva's room
4th grade 32 carpet circles
\$385
Move to spend up to \$420 out of equipment and improvements, contingent
upon working with Swati about ways we could do this cheaper
Move to approve Teresa Peschke
second, Jody Hall
2 no, 18 yes

9. Meeting Adjourned- 9:44

Next meeting September 28th, 2017 - 8:00 AM - Cafeteria