November 2022 General Meeting

November 2, 2022

Call to Order: 8:30am

Attendees: Mrs.Culpepper, Liz Cahill, Carolyn Cherrie, Colleen List, Emily Morey, Dannii Dannison, Lindsay Pfeifer, Anna Tucker-White, Erika Parker, Richard Fields, Jalpa Patel, Nina Ishibashi, Kelly Cannan

Total Attendees: 26

Approval of October Meeting Minutes:

* 1st motion to approve: Anna Tucker-White. 2nd motion: Dannii Dennison.

Principal's Message given by Mrs. Culpepper:

* Peanut Butter and jelly sandwiches will be coming back to the lunch menu after much debate. Sunbutter sandwiches will continue to be available.
* The front office door will now remain locked throughout the day. It is a new safety precaution in place throughout the district. There is a cart with sticky notes to leave items that need to be given to a student at school (ie- forgotten lunch, band instruments, etc.). A buzzer system will be installed eventually.
* The first Student of the Month Assembly of the year was Friday, 10/28.
* Parent-Teacher conferences are completed and went well. Families seemed to like having in-person or Zoom as an option.
* Halloween Parade was 10/31 and was a success!
* Red Ribbon Week emphasized healthy choices and was received well.
* Our School Website will be changing soon to use the same school website platform as the other schools in the district. The new school website is <https://www.conejousd.org/westlake>
* School Site Council is working with Tim McCabe on the designs for upcoming campus beautification. He is going to bring more outdoor flooring options to choose from at the next SSC meeting.
* Superintendent, Dr. McLaughlin was on site discussing school events and options for spending Measure I money.
* Playground structure equipment was ordered for the playground updates.

PFA President’s Message:

* Recap of past events & activities:
  + Egg Drop- There were roughly 125 participants. $250 profit was made.
  + Movie Night- $3000 profit
  + Direct Donation Week- ~$8500 of DD collected, and corporate matching topped out at $10k. Current total is ~$78k. Yearly Goal is 100k
  + Walk to School Wednesday- Shoutout to Victoria for jumping in and throwing the event. ~120 kids and families attended. Evie Wilkes won the gift card prize for completing the challenges.
  + Halloween Decoration: Thank you to all that help decorate the school. It was very festive and fun! Decoration cleanup after PFA Board meeting.
  + Family Fun Night at Social Monk- profit $400. Thank you to Melanie Berman and Brianna Melman for organizing!

Board Reports

* Direct Donation (Grace & Heather)- No Update
* Volunteer Coordinators (Emily & Coleen)
  + Stock the teacher's lounge event will happen on 11/9
* Room Parents (Nina & Kat)- No update
* Treasurer (Megan)- No update
* School Site Council (Richard)-
  + Campus beautification project specifics are being discussed and chosen. Current sunshade is not up to code, school sit4e council was interested in more options instead og DG (dirt ground covering). Lunch area will be moved back to blacktop between portables, new lunch tables and umbrellas will be purchased in the interim before new pergola is constructed.
  + Next School Site Meeting is 11/9
  + Please refer to School Site Council Notes for more details- <https://www.conejousd.org/domain/803>
* Website (Lindsay)- No update
* Social Media (Erica) - No update
* Marketing (Dannii)- No update

New Business

* Upcoming Events:
  + Jog-A-Thon (Friday, 11/18)
    - There will be sweatbands & wristbands again, healthy popsicles, easy online donations, MC “shoutouts” during running. Volunteer signup to come from Room Parents next week.
  + Family Fun Night in November will be at Fresh Brothers. Reminder that gift cards can be purchased at FFN’s and help accrue to our fundraising goals.
  + Cultural Assemblies- trying to identify engaging speaker/groups
    - December- Inclusive Schools Week
    - January- Kindness Awareness Month
    - February- Black History Month
  + Mom Mixers
    - All grade mom/parent bunco parties in the works ($25 to attend, bring own snacks and beverages)

Vote on 2022/2023 WLE PFA Budget

* 1st motion to approve: Richard Fields. 2nd motion: Kelly Cannan.
* Vote results: Unanimous vote to approve with 22 votes.

Comments and Questions-

* Erica Parker asked what protocols are for planning field trips. Answer- teachers plan them, parents pay for field trips, PFA budget supplements the bus costs. Until PFA donation budget is met, field trips may be on hold. Field trips must be across all classes in teh grade, not just one class.
* Request for the Direct Donation thermometer as a visual reminder was asked for.
* Sarah Wordham suggested and volunteered to be a New Parent Coordinator to help build community and also to encourage spread of information in regards to Direct Donation.

Adjournment: 9:27am