

Willett PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Joe DiNunzio, President, called the Executive Board Meeting of the Willett PTA to order at 7pm in the Willett teacher's lounge.

Attendance: Have quorum

Beth McMullen moved to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016. Heema Govindjee-Merchant seconded. No discussion. All approved. Motion passed.

Principal's report-Heidi Perry

- The exterior of our school was painted over spring break.
- 2nd grade dance performance will be on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30.
- Chorus will be starting up again tomorrow, April 20th.
- The concert will be held on June 1st.
- Mrs. Krich is back, after a long illness.
- 6th grade science night is coming up – May 11. 5th Grade Engineering Night is May 18th.
- We have a new night custodian, Guillermo. Please say hello to him!
- Deb Garrity has begun her position as reading specialist.
- Whitney Bowman has been hired as our new EL specialist.

President's Report-Joe DiNunzio

Shout-outs

- Open House – awesome show of energy!
- Book Faire – huge fun and big success!
- Fun Run – Wow (more from Jenn)!
- Assembly – did you see the cool sports bags!
- Budget committee – great first meet, more later
- Fundraise committee – coming up, more later
- Get involved – encourage parents to engage with the PTA!

SPAC

- Parcel Tax Discussion Beginning
- Flier to pass around
- School Board President Madhavi Sunder to attend Willett PTA meeting 5/17
- Represents +/- 15% of DJUSD Budget
- Brings us to average spend in California
- Huge impact / vital issue for our schools

Fundraising Discussion (SPAC)

- Includes PTAs, DSF, DSAF, DSOMA, Booster Clubs, etc.
- Concern about volunteer and donor fatigue
- Is there a way to coordinate / target to benefit all
- Working with District to facilitate conversation / next steps

Superintendent Search (SPAC)

- Open forums for community comment in early to mid-April
- Open lines of communication for recommendations
- Kevin French serving as interim Superintendent, not directly involved in search

Achievement Gap (SPAC)

- Monthly agenda item for school board
- Focus on curriculum and staffing efforts
- Also focus on school climate initiatives
- Key concern for the district

Strategic Planning Update (SPAC)

- Revised committee / new members
- Identified key threat – human resource challenges (turn-over and hiring)
- Identified key opportunity – Using technology and innovation to drive improvements in individual learning
- New action committees will be formed to address both
- Also raised larger issue of defining and continuing to strive for equity

Proposed Slate- Natalia Baltazar

- Discussion
 - The proposed slate has been posted and emailed.
 - Cristal Waters' email address needs to be updated.
 - Joy Klineberg stated that RISE should not be included on the PTA slate.
 - Natalia answered that anything that needs to be recruited for should be included on the slate.
 - Decision was made to include it on the directory, but not on the slate.
- Motion to approve the slate.
- Beth McMullen motions to approve. Jenny Canfield seconds. No debate. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report- Prepared by Tracy Dunne.

- Christina Yeung had a question regarding the Operating Budget.

- Abby Koeng asked if the teachers received their money from the “Oscar Night” fundraiser.
- Heema Govindjee-Merchant asked about line item 2674 & 2675 which were “Hootenany” fund an item.
- Joe DiNunzio calls to approve budget for March-April 2016.
- Abby Koenig moved to approve. Heema Govindjee-Merchant seconded. No debate. Motion approved.

Operating Budget discussion- Joe Dinunzio

- The Board will meet after the meet after the Fundraising Committee meets this month.
- The new board will have to approve the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Item 14. The art auction will be held at Open house in the Spring.
- “Oscar Night” will become more of an “in kind” donation.
- Item 48. Fundraising will focus on technology.
- Item 26. Classroom grants \$400 per class.
- Item 53. Providing filtered water for the entire school.
- Item 54. New bike racks.
- Item 44 & 45. Should say “pending district actions”.
- Kim Saban asked what “historically” means when referring to classroom grants. Heidi Perry explained that the grants depend on the class sizes.

Fun Run update- Jenn Tucker

- Fun Run will take place on May 1st.
- 400 people have registered.
- There will be no late registration because everything has to be pre-ordered.
- Local businesses have been very generous.
- Classrooms with most registered will get a free kid’s meal.
- Registration packets will go out Friday, April 29th.
- Families are encouraged to stay after the run / walk and enjoy the fun fair from 9-11.

Pioneer Day-Heema Govindjee-Merchant, Joe Dinunzio, Abby Konig

- Pioneer Day for 3rd grade will take place on June 3, 2016.
- Ms. Owings was wondering if she can use money raised from PTA fundraising for Pioneer Day. Question was answered “yes” by Joe Dinunzio.

Hiram Jackson, a parent volunteer from Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association (DSOMA) re: Music program for elementary schools.

- Hiram Jackson presented a proposed a new district funded music program for third graders and a pull-out choir for grades 4-6
- Students would be taught by a credentialed teacher for one hour a week.

- This would be a choral based program.
- The program is supported by the current chorus teacher.
- Joy Klineberg asked about the impact it would have on third grade class time.

Ad-hoc items

Natalia Baltazar – fund raising committee

- Not all of the events will be fundraisers.
- Events will include community building events.
- First meeting will take place on April 25th at 7pm at the Vini Wine Bar.
- Jenny will send out a message for room representatives to send out.
- Please direct questions to Natalia Baltazar.

Cristal Waters – Active4Me

- Bike books will be delivered to libraries late April early May.
- Hootie party will be April 27th right after school in the quad.
- Dan Wolk and Brett Lee will scan students on May 4th for National Bike to School Day (it is also Star Wars Day).
- May challenge are still in negotiations.

Heidi Perry- Willett's 50th anniversary will be next year

- Ms. Perry would like to form a committee to help her plan the celebration.
- Heema Govindjee-Merchant will co-chair the event planning with Heidi Perry.

Joe DiNunzio moves to adjourn 8:05pm