



Encinal Jr/Sr High School
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019

Call To Order: 6:32pm

- A. Minutes and Approval - Nuala Creedon moves to approve the minutes from Oct 16, 2019 meeting, Fawn Treme seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- B. President's Report
- Website Update - new website is live. Paypal donation and membership buttons are working
 - Need a new fundraising drive to roll out SOON - we are behind where we were last year due to issues with the paypal donation button not working for 6 weeks.
 - PTAC Update
- Parcel Tax was voted by AUSD BOE on Nov 12. Will be on the ballot on March 3, 2020.

March 3, 2019

- Motion for the Encinal Jets PTSA votes to endorse the parcel tax on the ballot March, 3, 2020.
 - Bren Curtis seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously endorse.
- C. Membership Update
- No update from Bren Curtis, Membership Chair at this time.
- D. Old Business
- Nothing new to report on old business
- E. New Business
- Encinal school's **website** seems to be outdated, links are broken, no information about the sports try-outs etc.
 - Dan Hurst reported there is no support from AUSD to maintain the website; it is incumbent on each school to manage their own website. So it becomes a staff resourcing issues.
 - website needs to better re curriculum offerings, sports try-outs. Dan will look into this.
 - **program coordination**
 - boosters and PTSA should not have meetings on the same days
 - Both schools had the plays on the same weekends
 - **food options at lunch time**
 - more healthy options
 - food trucks can't be endorsed by AUSD; they need to make \$3000 minimum to make it worthwhile; Calafia or Otaez might be an option but it's not worth it financially for them
 - Students have been turned away by the lunch ladies if they have no money in their accounts
 - Dan is going to talk to them about this as they are not allowed to do that. He also urged parents to contact the Food Services Director, James Assia if their children report this happening to them.

--budget allocation

- The PTSA has funds leftover from last year that we would like to reallocate to the library project
- Move \$2100 from mini-grants; \$900 from field trips: this will cover books, covers, database
- Ride for a Reason \$5000 for the library/student center books
- \$650 for subscriptions via a donation from Gayle Saldinger
- \$2000 is being donated by Alameda Education Foundation for the \$4000 database

Motion by Glna Ledesma to shift \$2100 from mini-grants and \$900 from field trips

Seconded by Nuala Creedon

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Helene Onaga to transfer \$5000 from Ride for a Reason funds to purchase books.

Second Tara Etayo

Passed unanimously.

--teacher feedback regarding mini-grants Sarah Olaes

- PTSA can't cut checks directly to teachers
- PTSA is instituting mini-grants back into action
- A form will be created and Dan will explain to teachers how to request funds.

--Library work days (sign-up sheets) Ben Lundholme & Fawn Treme updates

- December 7, 2019 & January 25, 2020 work party days
- Culling books from the collection and covering new books - it's very labor intensive so we need help.
- Ideally 10-20 adults for 4 half days we can get 1000 books covered.
- Ben held 9 focus groups with students - big take away "MAKE IT MORE INVITING"; "BOOKS"
- 300 surveys came back from students across all grade levels.
- Library twitter account @Mr_Lundholme; kids are following him
- Library website has been updated; free databases are on there
- Been asking students which databases work the best - GALE is awesome
- \$14,000 has been made available from AUSD for books thanks to Ben making a presentation to Sara Stone (new Chief Academic Officer).

--Mindfulness Sessions

- Helpful for students who would not normally get access to this type of intervention
- Helpful for students who need de-stressing
- Came out of field trip allocation

Helen Onaga made the motion to use \$1000 from our field trip funds

Seconded by Dan Hurst

Motion Passes unanimously.

--robotics mentor for Junior Jets Sarah Olaes

- The AEF Robotics Competition is about to get underway. JJ's are the only middle school without a mentor. Sarah urged that if anyone knows of anyone who could step into this role to please contact her.
- The call for a mentor will be going out via email to all JJ parents, it will be posted on FB and sent to the current PTSA subscribers.

F. Principal's Report

--construction update

- Another concrete pour happened last week
- No heat in building 300 or the Student Center/College & Careers until Winter break
- Fire alarms have been very problematic; new system won't be installed until building 300 and 400 are renovated
- No fire alarm in Library/Student center; monitored hourly by custodians.
- There is a fire alarm system in other buildings; it's very difficult to manage and turn off
- Fires in bathrooms are still occurring. Investigations ongoing.

--camera installation update

- AFD & APD has said due to fires we have to have the cameras installed to monitor bathrooms.

--Ride 4 A Reason update

- 2-3 paragraph blurb re how EJSH plans to use funds - Sarah and Cherly to provide blurb to LIsa Zenner. The ride will take place in May 2020.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

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