

Garfield PTA Meeting: November 9, 2015

In attendance:

Arlen Speights
Howard Keck
Rebecca Cornelius

Margaret Huff
Amy McMahan
Brendon Chertok

Regina Reeves
Kylie Phillips
Kristen Westlund

Called to order at 6:30

Approval of minutes: Margaret Huff moved to approve the minutes of the October 12 meeting; Amy McMahan seconded; the motion was approved.

Financial Report (Amy McMahan):

- There is currently no **budget line for popcorn Fridays**. Kylie Phillips moved that Garfield PTA create a budget line of \$450 for popcorn Fridays expenses; Regina Reeves seconded; the motion was approved.

Principal's Report (Brendon Chertok):

- GES hired **Brooke LaFave at .4 time for 4th grade math**.
- **Winter Concerts** are upcoming: K – 3 on December 3 and 4 – 5 on December 9.
- There is a substantial amount of **Title I funding** for paraeducators, parent outreach coordinator, and teacher to supervise and train them after school; transportation is being arranged.
- **Curriculum Night is not well attended at higher grades**; a suggestion is to combine it with the Meet & Greet on the day before the first day of school. In discussion: daytime would be hard for working parents; evening or weekends would be hard for teachers.
- There is **no suitable wall case for the defibrillator**; can PTA fund this?

Teachers' Report (Howard Keck):

- Having seen 34 years of PTA meetings, **Howard Keck expressed appreciation** to PTA

New Business:

- Kylie Phillips: **Cookie Dough sales have started**; threshold for Pacific Science Center is increased to 500.
- Regina Reeves: **Movie Night is November 20** with *Inside Out*; flyer will go home with kids; no parent dropoff.
- Kristen Westlund: **Holiday Bingo Night is December 11**; Brendon will be bingo caller; we still need a Santa.
- Amy McMahan: Flyer has gone home for **Holiday Spirit**; there will be ~240 gifts; we are coordinating with Jefferson Middle School to avoid redundancy.
- Arlen Speights: the field could use **more wood chips for Track Stars**. Contacting arborists to dump chips at sides of field for future work parties to spread chip along perimeter.
- Kylie Phillips: a **purchase of butcher paper** for teacher use would be \$904.65. Amy McMahan pointed out that PTA uses this paper sometimes; it could be paid from the Gifts For School budget line. Margaret Huff moved to purchase butcher paper on two lines: \$100.00 from operating expenses, and \$804.65 from gifts to school. Kylie Phillips seconded; the motion was approved.
- Kylie Phillips: **new pavers are done** and installed.
- Kristen Westlund: OSD requested to give a **presentation about a construction levy** at the January PTA meeting. It was suggested to meet at 6:00 in the library and hold the PTA meeting at 6:30; discussion providing food should be at December 14 meeting.

Adjourned at 7:45