

CLPTA General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

General Meeting began @ 6:40

Attendance:

Board members: Lisa Scanlon , Tony MacDonald, Linnea Hur, Stone Melet
Administration: William Hack, Patty Harmon

Principal's Update (William Hack)

- President Seoul National University of Education announced that there will be 6 visiting teachers in KIP classes for 6 weeks
- Mr. Reif and Ms. Magsanay received their national board certification – congratulations!
- Scott campus – 100% online administration of CLA
- Artist in Residency in process
- Education Outside in process
- Salesforce provided funding for the Madison campus a mobile computer lab
- Recess table games purchased from safe school yard budget
- Mosaic project at Madison campus beginning (all Madison students will participate)
- New basketball hoop purchased for Madison campus – the kids are enjoying it immensely

Starlight Auction (emailed from Jill Standlee)

- Building on 2014 Starlight's huge success, we now have multiple teams/team-leads for 2015 Starlight.
- We hope to release the auction-program-booklet for online viewing a few weeks before the event. So multiple families can pre-game to 'buy/bid' on Live, Silent, and CMI items together.
- Event tickets sales opened January 12 with a 'Monday-only Flash Sale.'
- Multiple families have join-in'ed and purchased 'reserved tables', these sales will help boost ticket revenues.
- We encourage CL participation with auction donation, corporate and family sponsorship solicitation efforts to CL family and friends. We need everyone's help with solicitations!

Outdoor Classroom and Green Schoolyard Committee (emailed from Kate Sweetman)

- **Kinder** classes are continuing their study of **trees**. Last week they made tree models out of nature art, this week they'll be doing a winter sketch of their adopted tree and next week they'll be exploring the trunks of trees with bark rubbings and a bark hunt. In February we will begin with a materials study focusing on wood, trees and paper.
- **1st graders** started off the semester with a color scavenger hunt, finding objects in the garden that matched 12 different paint chips. They are starting a unit about **plant**



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structures and functions this week - in a few weeks, you can ask your 1st grader if they can tell you all six parts of a plant!

- **2nd grade** began their study of **soil** last week. They've dug into the soil, imagining they were travelers from Planet Zog tasked with discovering the composition of soil on Earth and bringing the recipe back to Zog. This week they sifted soil and went on a rock scavenger hunt, investigating how rocks on the ground are related to rocks in soil. We'll continue by studying weathering, erosion, decomposition and finally do an experiment about plants that grow best in different kinds of soil.
- We're excited about all the **new infrastructure** we've created at Madison! Thanks to Tommy Neeson, Ali Tirone and Kate Sweetman we now have a **greenhouse!** The **digging bed, sunflower measurement sign** and **weather stations** we installed last semester are getting daily use. We will be installing the **direction post** and **weather calendar** by the end of this month. In March, we will be building **redwood benches** around the circle garden. If you are interested in helping us grow the Outdoor Classroom infrastructure, please get in touch!

8th Grade Graduation (Laura Fontana)

- Received Salesforce match
- Requesting the PTA disperse the funding that was held in the PTA
- PTA requests invoices for expenses

Board Nominations (Lisa Scanlon)

- Need a non-board member to lead this committee
- Approximately 2-4 hour commitment
- Contact Tom Bernard if interested

New Budget Requests:

Gift to Allegre Family (Carlene Lim)

- This past November Jeric Allegre, father of sixth grader Noelle and CL alumni Nanatchka, Paul and Natalia, passed away due to heart problems. 6A and 6B are gathering a monetary gift of support for the family. They would like the PTA to consider giving a \$500 gift from the community or matching the sixth grade gift up to \$500.
- Vote on approving that \$500 be taken out of PTA discretionary fund

Motion to Approve out of PTA discretionary fund: Lisa Scanlon

Second: Tony MacDonald

All Approved



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Kinder-wide spring party (Betty Junod)

- Class plans to organize a spring party for the grade on a Saturday in a park; pot-luck style, but requesting money for facility cost and activity.
- Betty Junod will create a budget and re-submit

Madison campus stage curtain (Patty Harmon)

- Needs to be replaced
- Will submit estimates ~\$2000

Middle School Humanities (summarized by Mr. Kirk)

The most recent adoption of social studies textbooks in grades six, seven and eight are at least ten years old and in poor condition. Also the digital teacher materials are no longer accessible on current computers. Therefore the middle school humanities teachers are requesting replacement textbooks and teacher materials to continue to provide quality instruction for all middle school students.

Whereas the California Assembly has twice in recent years deferred the process for textbook adoption, and there is no currently expected timeline for a renewed State adoption in this subject area, the SFUSD also has no current or pending plans to adopt new materials in the social studies for the middle grades.

Additionally, the replacement texts of the currently adopted materials are no longer in print causing limited availability. The companion student workbooks have also been discontinued by the publisher, leaving very limited options for planning student engagement with the textbooks.

Therefore, the middle school teachers are requesting that the PTA purchase a class set at each grade level of the currently available 2010 edition of the same textbooks from the same publisher including student workbooks and teacher materials as they were previously adopted by the State and purchased by the SFUSD. The teacher materials will include a six year license for the digital teacher materials and the student workbooks will be available for consumable purchase in subsequent years in the hope that they will be used and remain serviceable until new materials are adopted by the State and purchased by the SFUSD. Total cost \$23,029.83.

Though philosophically it is not the intent of the PTA to purchase textbooks since the SFUSD typically should provide this, this is an unusual situation. It has not been done in the past to this extent and administration does not expect this to occur in the future.

Motion to add new budget line item: Lisa Scanlon

Second: Becky Rogers

Approved



Approve CLPTA bills

Motion to Approve: Tony MacDonald

Second: Lisa Scanlon

All Approved

Meeting Adjourned 7:38