

South Poplar Traditional Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025

Prepared by Candace Payne, PAC Secretary

Start time: 7:01 pm

Attendees in person: Rani P, Candace P, Reena A, Pinkey B, Chan R, Shannon Manky, Tanya (guest), Jordin and June A, Grant M, Munni

Attendees online via Zoom: Marlee B, Raman B

Welcome Acknowledgement & introductions: Rani and Chan

Motion to approve meeting agenda: Candace; seconded by Pinkey

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes: Munni; seconded by Pinkey

Principal's Report: Shannon Manky

- Young Actors Project, remainder of students to do in April.
- Representative from Pacific Sport, Mr. Hunter, former high school teacher, working with classroom teachers to understand how to teach PE components. It's been engaging, and students and teachers are learning a lot. Working in classrooms next, brain breaks. Here until spring break.
- Tawnie Hildebrant here every Thursday in classrooms for a math residency, showing strategies for engagement with math. Here until Spring Break.
- Literacy week was exciting; draws with prizes, ending with "bookquake." Huge thanks for family presence for noisy reading.
- Huge thanks to families attending wildcat assemblies. Support and participation are appreciated.
- Book room is in full swing. Two of three shipments of new books have arrived, so will be needing parent volunteers soon to set up. Spent \$12,000. Mrs Manky is participating in Learning for Literacy program, and \$5000 has been awarded to our school to put towards this project. Thank you to PAC for contribution.
- Kezia update: Requested a small deposit, which is in motion. She will be here in the spring to assess and begin work on sensory pathway and touch-ups previously approved.
- Easter suggestion for school-wide egg hunt: Proposed to happen Wednesday, April 16th. To be discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Reena

- See attached Treasurer's report.
 - Slower January with respect to activity.
 - Deposit made today not reflected in report of approximately \$1500.
 - Committed amounts of note: Movie licensing, literacy project, and deposit for Kezia.

New Business:

- Playground planning update: Chan
 - District needs to send facilities to clear lower field to be an option. Years ago, PAC was declined being able to add/alter lower field. Waiting on the District. Looking at other potential options.
 - Query of need for more playground equipment. Discussion ensued. Current playground is overpopulated at present and existing equipment geared for younger kids.
 - Tabled until we have more information. We have currently approved sensory pathway as a contribution.
- Carnival planning update: Rani

- First meeting last week with amazing turnout. 14 parents present, and more parents have come forward afterward wanting to help. Next meeting is Thursday, March 6th @ 6 p.m.
- Traffic congestion:
 - Concern regarding upper lot as to access for emergency vehicles and liability. Discussion to bring attention to the fact that the fire lane is always accessible. Vehicles in line have drivers inside, not allowed to park. It is a challenge since we are not a catchment school, so all children are driven to school.
 - Lower lot congestion inside lot and on road, speeding vehicles, concern for Gladwin/Huntington intersection. Suggestion for a team of parents and staff to strategize how to get the city's attention. Perhaps petition for a 4-way stop?
- Parent survey suggestion: Grant returned with proposed survey to ascertain how to get more volunteers and curiosity about barriers.
 - What are we trying to achieve with survey? Seeking the reasons for difficulty attaining new volunteers was the initial purpose.
 - Discussion ensued. Currently, we have 100+ volunteers on our list; many volunteers joined our pool this school year through connection via Insta, Facebook, word of mouth.
 - Table this for now as volunteer pool seems to have grown this year. Personal connection seems to have been most helpful.
- Upcoming events:
 - Feb 21st movie night
 - May 30th carnival

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Pinkey; seconded by Candace.

Next PAC meeting: Apr 8, 2025 @ 7 p.m.