



PTC Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2024
By: Amy Thompson

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Note: Hybrid meeting

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: Amy Bosch, Amy Thompson, Juliana Reyes, Katie Hansen, Maestra Nancy Sapunor, Soledad Carvajal, Cristelle Fallstron, Casey Ryan, Tyler Newell, Jessy Beckett-Parr

REMOTE ATTENDEES: Thien Hua, Jenna Branecki, Siobhan Corley-Richards, Kate Giffen, Jacque Kherkov

- [August 29 Meeting Highlights](#): approved 2024-2025 PTC Budget, one-time funding for Library Supplies, and an annual stipend for Los Dichos Project Cornerstone Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Front Lawn Marquee:** Casey Ryan will take over the duties vacated by Mari Lieby. Also leads the Wednesday filmmaking class.
- **Bike Racks:** Great increase in bike traffic. Facilities has identified locations at the Prospect Heights and Park Avenue gates. Two racks holding up to 18 bikes each with a decomposed granite base; needs education/signage on traffic-pattern etiquette. For this infrastructure item, using reserve spend down (as opposed to unplanned miscellaneous), **Jessy** motions to spend \$3000 with a second from **Tyler**; majority approves.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Katie Hansen*

- **Word Labs:** Received thank you note from the organizer, Wendy Thompson for 2023-24 printing.
- **Statement of Activity, Budget vs. Actuals:** Really big staffing check for a variety of satellite staff, as well as after school programs, Los Dichos program, assemblies. Many funds coming in:
 - **Spirit Wear:** Plan \$100 coupon codes for teachers to get items for themselves and students in need, but all staff shared the code. Need to plan better for next year.
 - **Pledge Drive** - Got checks, envelopes of cash, donor box, and \$1000 for employer match service which was a good expense because it brought in over \$8000.
 - For the sake of equity, took out suggested donation amount (\$250) because it seemed elitist, thinking that it keeps from alienating smaller donations and increase the number of donors. educate regarding PTC spends about \$250 per student/year, including staffing and nominal supplies, in an educational message of accomplishments, separate from ask.
 - Messaging should be more centralized from Mr. Hua on a Friday to read over the weekend, without diluting with too many messages.
 - Also let them know about other ways to give with smaller, "every-bit-counts" and volunteering options. Have them think about giving a single tax-deductible amount instead of many smaller items. Maybe a slide in teacher presentation highlighting Pledge Drive and Carnival. PTC presentation at Kinder/Pre-K orientation. Flyers Soledad can translate as well. Banner at cultural events.
 - **Large Donors:** Also made a list of all high-value donors to follow up with personalized touch-points. Sent several reminders school-wide. Made goal of \$55K, largely due to a single generous donor. Nationally, inflation is up and donations are down. Keep in mind that it may happen for smaller fundraisers as well, no matter the level of effort.
 - **Maddy Baer, Andy Cunningham** will be the team next year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Jenna Branecki*

- **Popcorn Friday:** first of year was successful. Getting several interested volunteers. May boost sales with a separate location.
- **Costume Sale, 10/4:** in conjunction with Popcorn Friday.
- **Dia Del Niños** was very successful. April 30 is the most ideal date, but coincides with state testing; can have a second session for older kids (after testing). **Mr. Hua** will propose a couple of dates with staff.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Amy Bosch*

- **2024-2025 Meeting Dates** in bottom margin of Meeting Agenda; already on school calendar. September, March, November may all be same day as ELAC. November will be a good date to overlap; proposed moving the March PTC to coincide as well.
- **Teacher Appreciation**, thank you **Cristelle**; Sanity Supply Cabinet of snacks is available in the Staff Lounge; a taco bar is coming in October.
- **PTC Recruitment/Elections:** **Jenna** is getting e-mail responses from interested parents. Still need more parent involvement; a request will be issued soon as a school-wide communication.
 - **Communications Lead** - Would like a Lead (website) and a second Social Media Associate position.
 - **Secretary** - **Carrie Jara** has been recruited to replace **Amy Thompson**; introduction/election in November.
 - **Carnival Auction Lead** - needs to start in January.
- **Health Clerk** - for the majority of injuries, scheduled 10:00a-1:00p (during main recess hours), which is standard district-wide, but DLV is the largest campus. Office staff (Elizabeth, Stephanie) first responder training would not be ideal; if hurt outside of health clerk hours, student safety should not fall on administrative staff. Would like the Health Clerk to have 25 hours/week; **Mr. Hua** will start the conversation with the district.

TEACHER'S REPORT: *Nancy Sapunor*

- **Dragon Spirit Wear:** discount for teachers is very much appreciated. Sorry for going over budget, but it did feel very good to help kids in need. For next year, **Amy B.** says it will be easier to decrease the individual stipend amount and intentionally include all staff.
- **Smaller Flyers:** please enclose in paper clips during distribution.
- **Bilingual Communication:** include spanish at the bottom in the same newsletter communication. **Soledad** can also translate.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: *Thien Hua*

- **"Wait until 8th" Campaign** (*Siobhan Corley-Richards*): To prevent the negative effects of cell phones and social media (especially on girls); based on It Takes a Village campaign in Ireland. Major aspects include removing peer pressure (everybody has them), educate parents on safe device setup, and educate students about online safety.
 - Need volunteers, flyers, budget to motivate parents. Copy the event format showing "Screenagers" with a community panel; needs Spanish-speaking representation. Geared toward parents to see the reality of the problem. **Amy B.** will work to find a speaker. **Casey** would also like to tie it in with the filmmaking class.

NEXT MEETING: *November 14, 2024, 3rd Thursday of the month*
Hybrid: in-person (DeLaveaga school library) and/or Zoom link.

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