



PTC Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2023

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Note: Hybrid meeting

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: Thien Hua, Maestra Nancy Sapunor, Amy Bosch, Amy Thompson, Katie Hansen, Juliana Reyes, Jacob Sackin, Judith Morales, Mariana España, Essy Barrera-Ramirez

REMOTE ATTENDEES: Jenna Branecki, Lindsay Brown, Melody Hendren

- **Minutes** from last meeting: [October 12, 2023](#) available for viewing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Talent Show:** Not sure if it should be part of carnival as proposed, but everyone likes the idea. Still in planning stages, but a great way for kids to showcase talent and bring the community together. As we learn to run the event, we can start small and add elements later.
 - **Jacob Sackin** can emcee (has experience with coordinating low-pressure talent shows and leading kids in positive social interactions).
 - **Mel** spoke with the Carnival Committee; the carnival is already pressed for volunteers, and potentially logistically difficult and overload parents for the one day. Do we have too many community events? Teacher Jenny could add an art expo element. Many thought the kids should have the full attention of the audience.
 - Would want it to be a safe space. Having outdoors, with audience able to come and go, would make it less of a problem with attention loss, takes the pressure off the performers.
 - Would maximize accessibility to tryouts, practice sessions, and Jacob's expertise. Would likely not have it in the evening for this reason.
 - Open to students Grade 2-5, but don't know what level of interest to expect; may have too many applicants: could limit it by a lottery or first-come, first-served, and/or 2-minute performances.
 - Would like to choose a date after Daylight Savings. Making it a fundraiser for science camp could pose a timing issue, but the funds would roll over to next year. PTC can support with Communications (**Lindsay**). If funding is needed, request at a PTC meeting with at least one month lead time.
- **Dia del Niño**, April 27: Saturday before April 30, including Loteria, Tacos. The successful Dia De Los Muertos event needed very little, so funding can come from 'Community Events' budget for this as well.
- **Movie Night:** Late February/early March. More information to follow,

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Katie Hansen (H/Os: 'Treasurer Report-2023-11-15,' 'Statement of Activity,' 'Budgets vs. Actuals')*

- **Music Equipment:** Mr. Brown came in with an invoice just under his \$4K limit; he is very appreciative.
- **Drive For Schools:** very close to last year.
- **Pledge Drive:** lower than usual, but still trickling in from employer match and recurring contributions.
- **Student Leadership** and **Sunshine Committee:** accounts are still being set up.
- **Investments:** fundraising pattern always leaves a lump sum, which is now being invested; passively bringing in \$400/month.

TEACHER'S REPORT: *Sierra Hill*

- **Staff Appreciation:** Went well and very much appreciated.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: *Thien Hua*

- **Dia De Los Muertos:** very well received; We want to support food service-related families, so we hope to rotate food truck offerings to give more families an opportunity for exposure.

- **Movie Night:** was well attended. Good venue for getting together. With the assistance of Maestra Cardenas and Lisa Price, Student Leadership did a great job with concessions.
- **Field Trip Transportation:** Budget of \$10K will allow each classroom the opportunity for one or two local trips.
- **Lost & Found:** New initiative to get lost items back to owners; putting items out at pickup.
- **Playworks, 12/7:** New games on the blacktop with Recess Coach and Playground Monitors.
- **After School Care Transportation Options:** Boys and Girls Club is working on a De Laveaga shuttle possibly as early as January.

VPs' REPORT: *Jenna Branecki, Juliana Reyes*

- **Popcorn Fridays:** about \$300 earned at each event. New popping machine has arrived; **Amy B.** and **Jenna.** will assemble it before 12/15, when all regular volunteers, with **Katie** in the lead, are poised for the last event of 2023. **Amy T.** found the perfect costume for event promotion to keep business 'popping.'
- **Grill:** Owned by PTC; often borrowed by ELAC (pre-COVID) for pancake breakfasts (last used 5 years ago): Food services is interested in purchasing it, but if we keep it, need to find a place to store it.
- **Dos Alas:** Parent ambassadors, via testimonials, can help demystify and promote the program; would like to put together a letter in December; would petition locations like Gault and Bayview to allow ELAC to reach parents with the information they should be able to access to make an informed decision.
 - **Juliana** will work with **Mr. Hua** to gather signatures from the DLV community.
 - Sam Rolens is going to be at January ELAC meeting to get the message out to the wider Santa Cruz community. The program needs to have a consistent policy on the district level. Students should be able to join at any grade level on a case-by-case basis, IF there is space and IF they test into the program as a fluent Spanish speaker.
 - **Soledad** and **Mr. Hua** can accompany anyone wishing to spread the word: **Essy** has contacts at Sycamore Street Child development: would be a good location. **Amy B.** knows of another location with sliding-scale tuition more likely to have a larger Spanish-speaking population.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Amy Bosch*

- **Downtown Holiday Parade, 12/2/2023:**
 - No charge to participate; ugly sweater theme. Gather at 9:30AM; parade starts at 10:00AM; plan ahead for parking.
 - **Lead: Jessy Beckett-Parr** requests offers of suggestions, assistance, and/or participation: jessybeckettparr@gmail.com
 - **Music: Juliana** will lead the group singing Feliz Navidad. **Jessy** typically has a high-quality, highly-portable speaker system.
 - **Banners: Mariana** found affordable banners at Walgreens (\$60), but they only print (no quality check). Based on an approved budget of \$500, all agreed to use a local company who will review design/image quality and print for under \$200. **Lindsay** will assist with high resolution images and design should also include mention of the Dos Alas program.
 - **Decorations: Teacher Jenny** has kids working on smaller, individual dragon-themed art with the parade in mind. There is also a dragon kite in the PTC Closet (MPR), and a popcorn costume in the PTC Cabinet (teacher's lounge).
- **Coffee & Community, 12/7:** Good way to connect with the DLV community, especially for new members.
- **Adult Education from KidPower:** Class dates will follow. Based on parent survey, the classes chosen:
 - Helping Youth Take Charge of Their Mental Health
 - Positive Communication and Bullying Prevention
 - Online Safety

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2024, 7:00pm-8:00pm (immediately following ELAC)
Hybrid: in-person (DeLaveaga school library) and/or Zoom link.

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