Tuesday September 5, 2023

Wood Gormley School Library

Meeting Called to Order By: Carrie Wood at: 6:05pm

# **Attendance**

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|  |  | (**Bold** if present) |
| PTC Board | President | **Carrie Wood** |
| Vice President | **Ana Archuleta** |
| Treasurer | **Mel Grover** |
| Spring Events Chair | Desara Boehm |
| Spring Events Co-Chair | Melanie Boylan |
| Fall Events Chair | **Cozette Hansen** |
| Winter Events Chair | **Anita Babcock** |
| Secretary | **Andres (Javi) Mercado** |
| WG Staff | Principal | **Karen Lindeen** |
| School Counselor | **Mr. Rick Fiero** |
| Teacher | **Ms. Burkman (4th grade)** |
| Parents/Other | In Person | **Cristy Wood** |
| **Loren Houston** |
| **Brian Patrick Gutierrez** |
| **Shandiin Wood** |
| **Ethan Price** |
| **Ignacio Garcia** |
| **Jackie Case** |
| **Melinda Song** |
| By Zoom | **Michal Hayes** |
| **Joey Reich** |
| **Sandra Villareal** |
| **Josela Cruz-Crawford** |
| **Anaiz Rubio** |
| **“Mila M”** |
| **“Heather”** |

# **Approval of Minutes**

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| *Motion:* **To approve the August PTC minutes.** |
| *First* | *Second* | *Discussion* | *Aye’s* | *Nay’s* | *Result* |
| Andres | Ana | None | All | None | Passed;Unanimous |

# **Principal’s Report**

* **The year is off to a big and *smooth* start!**
	+ Enrollment has increased from last year (302 students this year). This is partially due to Waldorf closing. Fourth grade class, in particular, is big.)
	+ *Almost* fully staffed (0.2FTE vacant).
	+ Ms. Lindeen said this year feels different, more together, more consistent and much smoother! Yeay!
* **Welcome three new teachers!**
	+ Ms. Alicia Morrison from El Dorado (helping as a 0.3FTE in gifted program);
	+ Ms. Kyla Anderson from El Dorado; and
	+ Ms. Schneider (1st grade) from Ramirez Thomas. (If you get a chance, take a look at the beautiful way Ms. Schneider has set up the room.)
* **Social Emotional Learning** was offered to 4th grade one day per week last year. This year, the school has selected specific days throughout the year where the entire school will focus on Social Emotional Learning. This is parallel and complementary to the work our School Counselor (Mr. Fiero) does with our school community.
* **Lots of activities with clubs** (both existing clubs and students forming new ones)!
* **Student Council** process will begin soon.
* Last year we did a Native American assembly in Nov would like to add a **Hispanic assembly** (~art, music, dance, storytelling, etc.) if you have ideas of organizations that could help, let us know! Tentative date for the next assembly Oct 6th
* Many **updates to our school buildings and grounds!** The parking lot has been made more functional and safe by striping the parking spaces and installing lighting. The landscaping is maturing nicely in front of the school. New nameplates for all the staff on office doors and a pleasant Wellness Room for Staff to recharge!
* **Basement**: Ms. Lindeen is scheduling the removal of school property through the District. Once this is done, the PTC will go through what remains and clean/organize. Ideally the basement can be looking great by Movie Night.
* **Traffic in the WG area during drop-off and pick-up**. Jackie Case asked about traffic (there are people driving pretty erratically in all the capillary streets). Could we put up some signage? Parents and/or neighbors, please call the police if you witness erratic driving. The more calls they get, the more likely they will patrol. The security gate keeps getting left propped open… Complicated dynamic with neighbors/City Park/Public School about use/access/safety.

# **Treasurer’s Report**

* PTC creates a balanced budget every year (approximately $54k) based on past funding priorities and discussions between PTC and Ms. Lindeen and using revenue projections (projecting how much the fundraising we will do that year). When there is more revenue than projected, we run a surplus. That surplus has grown and the PTC is looking for ways to invest it to have the most impact. Currently, the balance of the fund is about $165k.

# **Voting on Vacant Board Positions**

* **Volunteer Coordinator:** Anaiz Rubio
* **Communications Chair:** website, list serve: Ethan Price
	+ Nominated by Carrie Wood. All present voted in favor.
* **Parent Rep Chair:** recruit and maintain involvement and communication between class parents and PTC: Jackie Case
	+ Nominated by Carrie Wood. All presented voted in favor.
* **Fundraising Chair:** each event has a chair so most of that work is done but the Fundraising Chair would work with all of the event chairs to help unify it all and make it smoother. Also, this person organizes spirit sales: **VACANT** please submit nominations or volunteer yourself!

# **School Counseling Program**

* Mr. Fiero comes to WG with experience providing mental health services at PMS, CYFD and, most recently, working at SFPS HR. Mr. Fiero is now running the WG School Counseling Program.
* Mr. Fiero is at WG half day every day. During that time he takes referrals in, provides short term/brief, academic-based services and referrals out. He is interested in tracking the reasons that students are being referred in, thinking that if he were to see a pattern in certain classrooms, he could reinforce/provide needed support for those specific classes.
* Mr. Fiero also provides the anti-bullying curriculum (which is provided by the Social Emotional Learning group, Second Step) and keeps up to date with the Second Step/SEL curriculum so that he can encourage those lessons with the students. If interested in reinforcing this at home, there are take home mterials that you may get from the teachers or from Mr. Fiero.
* Hoping to have some programming next semester that will include group education.
* Would like to set up a small group (2-3) of interested parents to shape the counseling program in the school. Please email Mr. Fiero if interested. He is working on some clarity on what would be helpful.
* Collaboration with parents, staff in addition to students. Welcome family communication! Reach out if you have any questions!

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| *Motion:* **To allocate $500 for teacher supplement to Mr. Fiero.** |
| *First* | *Second* | *Discussion* | *Aye’s* | *Nay’s* | *Result* |
| Carrie | Javi | None | All | None | Passed; Unanimous |

# **Movie Night**

* Sept 29th. This year, because of tech improvements, we don’t have to wait to start until it’s dark!
* VIP seats/area raffled (great parking for the event, pizza, Adirondack chairs, blankets, glowsticks, etc.)
* No Event Chair for Movie Night, tasks are usually just delegated between the PTC staff and parents as we get closer to the event.
* This year: Start time of 6pm but **ticket booth will be ready at 5pm!**
* Many movies suggested. Carrie will research duration and appropriateness and then the kids will vote on which one they want.
* Look for emails on this soon.

# **Fall Festival: Preliminary Planning**

* Oct. 21st.
* Linne developed a budget for the Haunted House ($400). Cozette will coordinate to make sure the artists/volunteers have the supplies they need for a great haunted house.
* Cozette is organizing volunteers.
* FYI: 177 time slots to staff all the stations (each one is like 30minad usually fun)! Early heads up: We will need lots of help from parents for this event!

# **Read-a-Thon Discussion**

Typically this is done by the Fundraising Chair which is vacant. Need to get someone to organize this. Will likely be between Fall Festival and Thanksgiving.

# **PTC 23-24 Calendar of Events**

* Sept 29th: Movie Night
* Oct 21st: Fall Festival
* Oct 3rd-Nov 17th : Read-a-Thon. Prizes handed out Nov 20th and 21st
* Nov 27th-Dec 15th: Snowflake Drive
* February: Winter Event typically in February (in the past it has been in a really nice gallery so we want to try something more casual get more parents in… Maybe use the space at the Drury… Cozette mentioned there may be an opportunity to do it at the Governor’s Mansion for free… she will coordinate with Anita).
* April 19th: Panther Run
* May 3rd: Arts-a-Palooza (not run by PTC)
* May 17th: Field Day (Ms. Arlin organizes but help is needed and always welcome)
* Carrie will send out general overview of each event (including who to contact if you would like to be involved in any/all of them).
* Mel will send Anaiz the necessary stuff for Sign Up Genius

# **Open Discussion**

* Next Meeting Oct 4th.
* FYI: Flu shot clinic at CSV Sat Oct 14th

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Minutes taken by Andres Mercado