

## MINUTES

### Caleb Greenwood PTSO General Board Meeting 5:30pm, October 4, 2023

Meeting in Caleb Greenwood Multipurpose Room

#### A-1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

#### A-2. Roll Call of Executive Board Members

##### Present:

Shana Nijjar – President  
Tracey Weinstein – Vice President  
Julie Garrison - Auditor  
Nancy Castignetti – Secretary  
Rosanne Cherry – Teacher Rep  
Amy Botill – Member At Large  
Merril Domondon – Co-Treasurer

##### Additional:

Amanda Autsen- Parent  
Samantha Trent – Principal  
Jessica Harold-Parent  
Courtney Hurd-Parent  
Bill Minasian- Grandparent  
Lucretia Maas-Parent  
Jen –After School Yoga Instructor, friend of Lucretia  
Mairead Reinhard-Parent  
Jackie Kahrs- Parent

##### Absent:

Kelly Parks – Co-Treasurer  
Elise Brown – Parliamentarian

#### A-3. Approval of Motions:

- a. Approved Sept 6, 2023 Minutes, with small revisions (formatting)  
Tracey Weinstein moved, Mrs. Cherry seconded, approved
- b. Approved Sept 13, 2023 Minutes, with small revisions (formatting)  
Tracey Weinstein moved, Mrs. Cherry seconded, approved

#### A-4. Teacher's Report—Samantha Trent

- a. iReady is very expensive (~\$23,000), and others report that it doesn't cause great improvement
- a. Ms. Trent suggested Reflex program instead, with some funding from PTSO
- b. Ms. Trent suggested replacing Walkie-Talkies (batteries only last up to 90 minutes)
- c. Amanda Autsen suggested Long Range walkie talkies (Motorola); Ms. Trent is considering acquiring 12-15 of these. She will collect info about pricing.
- d. Amber Hendricks: She is the new school social worker, counseling
- e. Shana and Candi helped process volunteer packets—Thank you! There is a backlog with SCUSD processing parent volunteer forms, which is why some field trip plans have changed. At this point, unregistered parents can come to Jog-a-Thon to support their own child, but can't participate in the role of a volunteer. Only registered parents can volunteer.
- f. Many parents agree that the current monthly PTSO Newsletter is a good mode of communication.

#### A-5. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Cherry

- a. Fall Into IB will happen this year (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>). No costumes, all student-led by the 6th graders.
- b. Mrs. Cherry suggested teachers borrowing money from PTSO, until money comes through the district. At that time, borrowed money will be reimbursed to PTSO funds.
- c. Mrs. Cherry mentioned trouble with printers; Ms. Trent suggested PTSO pay some money for ink for the Rizzo, as well as toner (since the lack of office manager has slowed down repairs and maintenance to current main printer). Shana asked for a run-down of these expenses in order to keep track.

#### A-6. President's Report – Shana Nijjar

- a. Volunteer-form processing is in progress; doing our best!
- b. Bill suggested having a LiveScan worker available at Back to School Night next year, so parents can quickly register and not deal with frustrations at Serna Center.
- c. About 70/130 parent volunteers have been registered to volunteer in-class (none have been registered to drive).

#### A-7. Treasurer's Report—Julie Garrison (filling in for Kelly)

- a. Kelly is now able to write checks, as Caleb Treasurer.

#### A-8: Jog-A-Thon Update – Tracey Weinstein

- a. So far we have raised about \$18,000—goal is \$50,000! Post to all your sites.
- b. We are looking for more volunteers, including someone to be Cougar Mascot
- c. DJ Lady Char will be there to MC (this has been paid in advance)

#### A-9: Other News

- a. Lucretia and Jen are offering After-School Yoga at Caleb. Their focus is movement and awareness, more than perfection on the postures themselves. Jen invites us to think of more opportunities to tie in yoga and mindfulness (assembly, PE, etc.)

- b. Fall Festival Update: No longer having burritos. Gyro truck, wings truck, burgers truck, ice cream truck. Insurance is lined up, facility request approved. Pumpkins have been donated, inflatables ordered, all kinds of games ordered. Two hayrides available. They have many volunteers, partly because high school students and Caleb alumni have volunteered. Event-Brite is charging \$2.50 per parent, plus a percentage of all sales. Parents and kids are invited to wear costumes 😊 This year, teachers don't need to power their own booths, they can join just for fun.
- c. Per Shana: Welcome Back Picnic was a success, good turn out. Throw back spirit wear sold well (\$595 earned). Art to Remember sales will begin soon. Track running activities will continue throughout the fall. Young Actor Studio will be bringing Shrek, Jr. to Caleb, auditions will start in early Dec. Kindness Month will be in October: PTSO will award Caleb Gear for winners of certain prizes. Dinner Fundraiser this month will be at Sac City Brews.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.