



## Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023 | *Meeting called to order by Emily at 6:07 PM*

In Attendance – Jody Green, Emily Austin, Nicole Pechersky, Angela Glucksman, Sara Exner, Jennifer Vandenburg, Kelly Vice, Rachel Tabak, Sara Niazi, Linda Fine, Melinda Stern, Beth Mellick, Jessica Robertson and participants on Zoom

Welcome – Emily Austin

- Minutes approved from last meeting

Principals Report

- Rams visit today to promote their reading program geared toward grades 1-3 which was a nice treat for students
- Galloping Colts started again, come out Tuesday and Thursdays to run in the morning
- A Lot of classes going on Field Trips this week which is exciting
- Book Fair was a hit, thank you to everyone who helped with that event
- Outdoor Ed for 5th Grade is coming up
- Congratulations to Julie Novak on being recognized as our classified employee
- 2nd Grade Living Statues and 5th Grade Tiles is coming up
- Projects happening over summer to upgrade campus: Turf and Track being installed on the field, TK/Kinder playground w/ shade, also getting Turf - potentially expanding play area to accommodate for more kids (bike track, basketball etc.) Turf is made of recycled wall paper so it is safe and does not need to be watered and doesn't get too hot
- Also possibly getting solar with a shade structure close to back loop - will share plans when we get them
- Question regarding A/C - we are in planning and approval process which can take time
- Will share more info when provided

Treasurer's Report

- Nicole - not much movement since last meeting. March event numbers are not finalized yet.
- Read A Thon - listed around 11,000 gross - will double check
- Let Barbara or Nicole know if there any questions regarding budget/numbers reach out to [treasurer@rmpfa.org](mailto:treasurer@rmpfa.org)

## Election

- Election will be held at the end of April. Election committee needs to be formed to oversee election and voting
  - Melinda Stern, Kelly Vice and Sara Exner volunteered
- Flyer will be sent out with open positions. Each position is a 2 year term. We are accepting nominations from now until April 27th - April 28th is the vote
  - Nominations email [parliamentarian@rmpfa.org](mailto:parliamentarian@rmpfa.org)

## Proposed Bylaw Changes

- Noticed Bylaw changes at the March Meeting
  - Renamed treasurer positions (just a title change)
  - Removed Room Parent Liaison from E board - will still be a committee
  - Added DEI Liaison
    - There has been a movement at the district level - 3-4 schools in district have made the change this year
    - Work in collaboration with staff to bring more DEI conversations/activities to our school community at an age appropriate level
    - Provided handout of actions this committee might take (will post on RMPFA website)
  - Courtney Peoples is liaison at district for DEI initiative, more information available on district website: <https://www.lvusd.org/domain/1578>
  - General discussion and questions around the DEI position. Examples were given regarding having events that celebrate a certain holiday, bringing in guest speakers, making sure we have inclusion and representation at PFA events, having an end cap at Book Fair with books that promote social emotional learning. Goal is for children to feel accepted and represented. PFA does not set curriculum for classrooms.
  - Examples were provided for what the district is focusing on, for example this month's theme is celebrating all abilities, last month was women's history, prior was black history month. We have a guest speaker coming with Cerebral Palsy that will share his experience growing up.
  - General discussion and questions regarding the Room Parent Liaison position being removed from the Executive Board. PFA Presidents explained that the position is a more specialized communications role and Executive Board positions are more broad. Room Parent Liaison would be a chairperson that would still be responsible for communicating with staff and room parents and keeping the community engaged.
  - Concerns around making it a chairperson instead of a voted in member. Discussion around making sure we have the right person for the role and keeping room parents engaged and supporting teachers.
- Vote: Motion to vote by Kelly Vice
  - Vote on Treasurer (title change only no changes to position) Vote in Favor: 16 Yes in person 13 in favor on zoom
    - This passed 29/29 in favor (2/3 vote needed to pass)

- Vote to keep Room Parent Liaison as an Executive Board position - Vote in Favor: 11 in person - 11 on Zoom
  - This passed 22/29 in favor ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote needed to pass)
- Vote to Add DEI position as an Executive Board position- Vote in Favor: 11 in person 6 in favor on Zoom (5 not in favor in person, 9 not in favor on zoom)
  - 17/31 in favor
  - $\frac{2}{3}$  vote needed to pass - did not pass

### Events and Committee Happenings

- Movie Night - Thank you to everyone who organized and volunteered
- Spring Auction - Thank you Tiffany, Aisha, Melody and Ali and anyone who helped out, we netted about 12K
- Yearbook is being finalized. Note that pictures are provided by parents and we have submitted the ones we received. Next year we should think about committee or photographers to make sure we have photos of more children
- Book Fair - Thank you to everyone that helped, Linda and Sanan for amazing decorations. We sold around 22K which we take a percentage of in Scholastic dollars
- Family Game Night is Friday - it will be a super fun event. All VIP tables have been sold
  - Volunteers needed please see signup on [www.rmpfa.org](http://www.rmpfa.org) to help out
- Open House/Art Fair is May 18th
  - Requesting volunteers for a committee to help frame art, set up and work event. Please reach out if you are interested.
- Staff Appreciation is May 1st - 5th - more information to come about that
- Everyone is encouraged to join a committee and get more involved. Being part of a committee is a great way to learn how to chair an event.
- Next PFA Meeting is May 9th at 8:15 AM

### Questions

- Question regarding Beach Day in June, explained it is a 5th Grade event

*Adjourned by Emily 7:43 PM*