



**Edna Maguire Elementary School PTA  
PTA Association Meeting  
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 8:45am**

Quorum was met based on the attendance of PTA executive board members, PTA members, Edna parents, Principal Leo Kostelnik, Assistant Principal Aubrey O'Connor, MV School District Board Member Leslie Wachtel, PTA Teacher Liaison Shana Stewart and Kiddo! Representative Ashlee Kathrein

**1. Call to Order and Welcome** at 8:45am by Kristine Erving

- a. Quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Minutes: The November PTA Association meeting minutes were reviewed. Karen motioned to approve, Michel seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
- c. 2019-2020 PTA Nominating Committee: The proposed nominating committee is comprised of Rachel Duffy, Laura Belmont, Chris Archer and Mimi Peavy, with Sabrina Ames and Ann Kaplan serving as alternates. Chelsea motioned to approve, Ryan seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
- d. Open Executive Board Positions: Open positions include EVP, VP fundraising, several finance positions and chairs of various events.

**2. Financials:**

- a. Update on Fundraising: The total projected end of year budget is approximately \$14,000 short, largely due to a \$20,000 shortfall from 1st day packet fundraising. It is anticipated the budget will be met with remaining fundraising events such as the garden faire and parent parties; however, several line items in the budget can be cut if necessary. It was suggested a PTA funding participation "thermometer" be placed at the school to encourage greater participation. It was noted that the PTA is only supposed to actively fundraise until November 1st each year, when KIDDO's fundraising window begins and runs through the end of April.
- b. Approval of checks: Check numbers 2077-2106 totaling \$37,315.53 were up for approval. Sharon motioned to approve, Michel seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
- c. Release of second half of the year funds: Shannon requested the release of the rest of the year's funds - \$39,962. Sharon motioned to approve, Karen seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.

**3. PTA Members - ScreenSense:**

- a. ScreenSense: Daphne, Coleen Byrne and Sarah Stoelting presented on a local initiative started by parents and educators from public and private schools in Mill Valley on the use of technology, smart phones, and social media. ScreenSense has a website ([screensense.org](http://screensense.org)) which includes research on the effects of these issues and tips for managing them. ScreenSense also holds events/workshops around town. The presenters asked that parents provide feedback on the website and inquired as to whether Edna



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would want to hold a ScreenSense workshop. The room reacted very positively to holding a workshop and the PTA would discuss options for an evening event.

- b. School Phone Policy: Leo Kostelnik added that he would include the Superintendent's Flash on the use of phones in schools in the Edna Weekly. Many children were bringing phones and iwatches to school and not following the policy set forth in the flash - phones should be off and in backpacks for the entire school day.

**4. Executive Report:**

- a. PTA Survey: Kristine passed around the PTA Survey for any new suggestions for this year.
- b. 2019-2020 Budget: The budget committee comprised of the incoming and outgoing treasurers and EVPs as well as the Principal would be beginning to prepare next year's budget in coordination with chairs of PTA events.
- c. PTA lunchtime meetings: The next one would be held on April 3rd with lunch served.
- d. Inclusion Working Group: Kristine noted the PTA was completely supportive of the group and was in discussion on how to best support it. The Principal had sent out the schedule for group's meetings for the rest of the year and PTA members were encouraged to attend.

**5. MV School Board:**

- a. February MV School Board meeting: The next meeting was at 4:30 on February 7th at Old Mill School. Board discussion highlights would be made available on the website shortly thereafter. On February 13th, there would be a meeting at Edna at 6pm to discuss plans for the gravel lot. Current thinking was to make it a parking lot, with solar panels as a roof.
- b. Mill Valley School District Superintendent: Leslie noted that the application deadline was February 11th. Six to 10 applications had been received, and around 30 more could be expected. On March 8th, the board would meet to discuss candidates, and on March 23rd they would conduct interviews. The board is hoping to announce the new Superintendent in the early April 2019 board meeting.
- c. Mill Valley school bus program: Leslie noted that while the city liked the program, it did not appear to be financially viable. The interim superintendent would be meeting with families using the program at the district office at MVMS on February 13th at 4:30 to further discuss the program.

**6. VP Updates:**

- a. Garden: The garden is considering getting more chickens so that the chicken coop would be more educational/interactive for kids. Planning is going well for Garden Faire which will have an Earth Day Theme - pushing zero waste and hosting a number of ecological group booths. A volunteer was gathering sponsors. Sarah inquired as to whether the new water fountain could be unveiled at the faire. Leo responded that while this was a priority, a number of



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other maintenance projects were more urgent. It was still possible the fountain would be put in by the end of the school year.

- b. Variety Show/Art Show/Maker's Night: The February 2nd Variety Show was a huge hit with great attendance. The Art Show would run from February 6th to the 12th with parents invited to participate in art classes with their kids. Maker's Night planning was ongoing well. The May 15th event would include more outside vendors and have food trucks like last year's event.
- c. Spaghetti Bingo / Co-ed Poker Night: Spaghetti Bingo would be held on February 27th - with pricing separated for bingo participation and the spaghetti dinner. Co-ed Poker Night would be on March 30th this year.

**7. Teacher Liaison Report:**

- a. Shana Stewart, on behalf of the teachers, thanked the PTA for the holiday decorations and ongoing coffee supply in the teachers' lounge. The second grade was grateful for the PTA funds supporting Immigration Day, and Ms. Stoelting for the additional flexible seating in her classroom. The teachers inquired as to whether the PTA would have a diversity chair position in the inclusion working group this year. Kristine noted that the PTA board wanted to support the inclusion working group and was discussing how best to liaise with it. Options included having a number of PTA board members included in the group.

**8. Kiddo! Report:**

- a. Ashlee noted that the Kiddo! Budget was 93 percent funded. The annual Kiddo! Gala would take place on March 23rd, and the Kiddo! Giants game on May 22nd.

**9. Principal/Vice Principal Report:**

- a. The Principals thanked the PTA for the very successful Variety Show - the most well run event yet. They also thanked the PTA for the funding support for the Sierra Outdoor School trip.
- b. Inclusion Working Group: By the end of the year all Edna teachers will have completed the Courageous Conversations training.
- c. School Site Council: All meetings were posted on the front bulletin board and parents were invited to attend to listen in on the conversations. Kids (3rd-5th graders) and parents would be surveyed in April.
- d. Student Council: Next week was Edna's Week of Kindness and the Student Council had many things planned.

PTA meeting adjourned at 10:30. Notes taken by Natasha Kindergan and Karen Zinn.