



**Edna Maguire Elementary School PTA  
PTA Association Meeting  
Wednesday, Nov 1st, 2017 7:00 pm**

In attendance: Sharon Nakatani, Jenny Revitch, Jackie Forrest, Tina Campdoras, Suzette Saunders, Elena Matsis, Kristine Erving, Leo Kostelnik, Leslie Wachtel, Zoe Pinksa, Sabrina Ames, Lauren Hancock, Chelsea de St Paer, Lara Merrigan, Jennifer Foskett, Jennifer Aronson, Alison Vinoly, Michelle McCarthy.

- 1. Call to Order** at 7:08 by Kristine Erving
  - a. Quorum not established, cannot vote on items (Oct min and checks)
  - b. Stampede was a success, a huge thank you to Michelle McCarthy and Alison Vinoly for all they did.
- 2. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Goal of 120k to be raised, \$133,734.00 to date.
  - b. Stampede - auction numbers not finalized but looking good and over what was estimated
  - c. No garden tiles this year due to lack of chair
  - d. No longer auctioning the parking spot due to lack of raffle participation
- 3. Principal's Report**
  - a. Thank PTA and Tina Soppitt, spirit wear was given to staff at cost, all staff now has spirit wear
  - b. Annual large disaster drill on Oct 26th. It went well, full accurate account of children within 7 minutes, found everyone within 20. Dismissal of students to parents takes the longest and needs most improvement.
  - c. Zero waste is up and running, 3 bin system in place, as of Monday everything was crossed and in the wrong bin. Tuesday was better, wednesday had even more improvement.
  - d. Long term efforts to aid Napa/Sonoma counties from the fires. Maybe partner with Redwood Adventist Academy, they are a garden school as well. About 80 kids, K-5. we selected them as they are a garden school too. Christine Mueller is the parent connection.
  - e. Conferences are up and coming, it's always a lot of work, about 2 hours/child goes into prep and conference
  - f. Kristy is organizing treats for staff for conf week
  - g. LCAP review
    - i. See 2 handouts
    - ii. LCFF - Local Control Funding Formula, we are back in basic aid, meaning local taxes exceed state minimums, LCAP, we don't have a lot of children



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being underserved, for example: San Rafael schools get a lot more LCFF funding

- iii. Over 1000 MV people participate in LCAP and present to MCOE. LCAP reports on 8 state priorities, basic services, etc.
- iv. Jackie asked about social/emotional intervention that came up with Paul Johnson's town hall meeting. The subject came up at other schools and also with the teachers. It's goal #2 of state required LCAP goal.
- v. Leslie Wachtel - there are 2 open forums for parents who have not attended these informative LCAP meetings
- vi. Website has input option for LCAP
- vii. Regarding social/emotional intervention - parents need to be very vocal.
- viii. Discussion arose regarding how to get momentum around issues such as need for more counselors. Parents definitely have a voice when they use it.
- ix. Technology integration - Leo's opinion is that it wasn't there until about 2008 as he's a somewhat tech skeptic.

**4. VP Update -**

- a. stampede - some suggestion for future changes included:
  - i. Lead up to and rally really helped generate enthusiasm
  - ii. More games and activities for older children
  - iii. Scarecrow judging was fun, good positive feedback
  - iv. Thanks to Ryan E. for organizing the chili, James G. for lead sponsor, Revolution Foods for food donation.
- b. Maker's Faire - March 21, 2018, time TBD Chair Nate M. Lots of great tinkering opportunities to be available. In touch with Tinker Tek, Play-Well Technologies, Cyber Garage and more to provide learning centers. Training for parents who want to help teach the kids Scratch will be in Novato. Much more coming soon
- c. Book Faire - December 4 - 7 - We really need volunteers. grab a friend. shortened volunteer slots to shorter periods to get more help.
- d. Variety Show - January 20 Theme: Winter Wonderland. Sign-up deadline Nov 17. First Rehearsal will be December 6.
- e. Party Book - \$35k has been raised so far. Discussion about sustainability year on year and setting realistic goals based on not knowing what might work each year.
- f. Yearbook - Ended up going with Hardback - Since everyone liked them last year - they will be 98 pages and \$29. Yearbook Sales will go from November through January.



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- g. Need volunteers for photos and attending events. Sign-up Genius has been update by grade level events.
- 5. Executive Report -**
  - a. District Council Updates on Teacher Appreciation and Playground Play at all the schools.
  - b. Reader's Cafe - Formerly Dr. Seuss Cafe. PTA to fund \$200 for Lisa to do this event. This year's theme will be Piggy and Elephant.
- 6. School Board Report -**
  - a. Update on Strategic Plan themes emerging:
  - b. SEL
  - c. World Language
  - d. Social Media Technology as a tool
  - e. Community Service
  - f. Next Board meeting is tomorrow evening at 600pm at MVMS
- 7. Kiddo! Report**
  - a. Beginning of the End of the Year Push for donations.
  - b. Edna has 44% participation push is to reach 75%
  - c. 12/1 is Kiddo! day. From 800 to 845
    - i. Chorus in Car line
    - ii. Chalk Drawing w/Jackie
    - iii. Ms. Harvey near the back gate
    - iv. Encourage kids to wear yellow and red.
- 8. ITAV - Next Speaker event 12/6 - Challenges for Bright Kids 7 p.m. at MVMS**
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Notes taken by Sharon Nakatani and Suzette Saunders**