



**Edna Maguire Elementary School PTA  
PTA Association Meeting  
Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 12:00pm**

Quorum was met based on the attendance of PTA executive board members, PTA members, Edna parents, Principal Leo Kostelnik, Assistant Principal Aubrey O'Connor, and MV School District Board Member Leslie Wachtel. A number of Edna teachers were also in attendance.

**1. Call to Order and Welcome** at 12:00pm by Kristine Erving

- a. Quorum was established. Kristine welcomed the good number of teachers who could join the meeting, which had been scheduled at lunchtime for that purpose.
- b. Meeting Minutes: The September and October PTA Association meeting minutes were reviewed. Sarah motioned to approve, Kori seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
- c. Teacher Liaison: Kristine introduced the Teacher Liaison, Shana Stewart. Shana thanked the PTA for the great treats in the staff lounge and noted that the grade-level baskets at the Mustang Stampede had been a success.
- d. Achievement Gap: An Edna parent attending the meeting asked for the floor to relay information about the Achievement Gap - which refers to academic disparity among different groups of students. Globally, the United States ranks 24th. Within the US, California is ranked fourth worst, with Marin County topping California in racial inequality. California has spent \$3 billion over the last years to close this gap which has only shrunk by 1.3 percentage points. In Mill Valley the gap has actually widened and is wider than the California average. The gap currently applies to 66 students at Edna according to the most recent school accountability report card, 2017. It was suggested the achievement gap be brought to the attention of the new Edna diversity and inclusion group.

**2. Financials:**

- a. Fourth Grade Field Trip: Kori relayed the 4th grade field trip had been changed and this year buses would be used instead of parent drivers. The PTA had earmarked \$2000 to support this trip and could add \$700 of funds unused from the wish list. Chelsea put a motion on the table to vote to approve taking \$700 from the wish list funding for the 4th grade field trip. Tina seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
- b. Update on Fundraising: Seventy-eight percent of the 1st day packet goal had been reached. A final total of Mustang Stampede fundraising would be available shortly. Shannon noted that a \$25,000 check had been written to the district to cover teacher requests for the first half of the year. The rest of the money (\$12,000) had been carried over from unused funds from last year. It was noted



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that if funds were not used for any reason such as change of plans, teachers should not fear that the funding would be lost the following year.

- c. Approval of checks: The checks could not be approved at this time as this portion of the financials discussion had been moved to the end of the meeting and the meeting no longer had quorum.

**3. MV School Board:**

- a. Mill Valley School District Superintendent: Leslie noted that the MVSD was in the midst of conducting a vigorous search for the next superintendent with the aim of hiring him or her by April 2019. The board would be seeking input from the PTA, parents and others on 29 and 30 November. They were hoping to interview candidates by March and announce the Superintendent in the early April 2019 board meeting.
- b. November MV School Board meeting: The next meeting was November 8th. Among other issues the meeting would be discussing the school bus system, Middle School renovations, and the Transitional Kindergarten program.

**4. VP Updates:**

- a. Mustang Stampede: Kristine, for Michelle, noted the Stampede had been a great success, with great turnout among students, parents and staff. Michelle was considering chairing the event next year.
- b. Garden: The November 4th garden day went well. Sarah suggested for the next one on March 10th that it be advertised on the marquee. The weekly farmer's market next to Wednesday Pop was in need of some more volunteers. The Edna garden had just donated 27 pounds of produce to the SF food bank.
- c. Party Book: The fall parties had made approximately \$15,000. The kindergarten mixer had been a great success, with some suggesting a dedicated party for each grade level going forward. Lauren and Kailyn would be sending a message out after Thanksgiving requesting parents to put on a next set of parties in the spring.
- d. Book Fair/Variety Show: Kristine, for Karen, said a Book Faire flyer would be in Wednesday folders. Several parents commented that in the past they hadn't realized the nighttime Book Faire event 'the PM Cafe' was related to the Book Faire. Others noted that attendance at the PM event was low last year. It was suggested that it could be moved to the beginning of the Book Faire and renamed. It was also noted that the Faire was very busy in the mornings and during class visits, but not so during other times. Perhaps open hours could be consolidated. Kristine relayed the Variety Show still needed a co-chair.

**5. LCAP Review:**



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- a. MV Strategic Plan and LCAP: Aubrey O'Connor gave a presentation on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is a state-mandated three-year plan that describes goals, actions, services and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities. The Mill Valley Strategic Plan is a five-year plan for the district aimed to create balanced learners and ties in with the LCAP. Edna's individual site plan supports achieving the goals of both the Strategic Plan and the LCAP. It was noted that more could perhaps be done to create awareness about these plans among parents and encourage them to become more involved.

PTA meeting adjourned at 1:20. Notes taken by Natasha Kindergan.