



**Edna Maguire Elementary School PTA  
PTA Association Meeting  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:45am**

Quorum was met based on the attendance of PTA executive board members, PTA members, Edna parents, Edna teachers, Principal Leo Kostelnik, PTA Council President Jenn Morris, MVSD board member Emily Ulhorn, MVSD board member Leslie Wachtel, MVSD Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Berman

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** at 8:45am by Michel Narganes
  - a. The September 4th, 2019 PTA Association meeting minutes stood as approved without additions or corrections.
2. **Donuts with Dr. Berman:**
  - a. Michel welcomed Dr. Kimberly Berman, new Superintendent for the MVSD. Dr. Berman invited all parents to attend the November 14th State of Students address.
  - b. The main issue raised by parents in the meeting was their concern over the state of the contract negotiations between the teachers union and the school district. A number of parents noted that they were appalled that the teachers were currently working without a contract and questioned the delay in negotiations. Others noted that they wish they had been made more aware of the negotiations issue and questioned the lack of communication of the issue to parents. Many parents reiterated that the teachers in Mill Valley were exceptional and that they were worried the district would begin losing them because of the drawn out negotiations.
  - c. Dr. Berman thanked parents for the feedback noting that negotiations should normally be done before the start of the school year. She stated she was confident they would be concluded in a timely matter from now on. She relayed that because of 'good faith bargaining', those in the negotiations were unable to comment on the substance until the negotiations had concluded. Dr. Berman noted that in the next MVSD board meeting, parents would have the opportunity to make statements on the matter during the Public Comments portion of the agenda. She cautioned that it could appear awkward because the Board would not be allowed to react to any of the statements at that time. Board Member Emily Ulhorn added that current negotiations were meant to cover contracts for both this and next year.
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Checks Approval: Chelsea reviewed the checks written since the last PTA meeting (2159-2165) totaling \$2,085.15. Kori motioned to approve, Karen seconded, all approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
4. **Teacher Rep Report:**

Teacher representative Lisa Stapp thanked the PTA for the recent pizza lunch. She also relayed the learning center was grateful for the resources provided by the PTA. Ms. Stapp



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added that the school's "Green Team" including Ms. Monge, teachers and 4th and 5th grade students was working on thoughtful ways to reduce trash around the school.

**5. Principal Report:**

- a. Music Instruction: Principal Kostelnik noted that Edna had come very close to hiring a new music teacher, but that in the end, the District could not move forward with the process. The hiring process would need to be started over and would take a minimum of four weeks. The start of 3rd and 4th grade chorus would now be delayed until January.

**6. VP Reports:**

- a. Community: Karen for Sarah Adams noted that the **Walk and Roll program** required some budget (\$300-\$500) to continue for the year. In the last several years the PTA had provided the trinkets being handed out, but this year they needed to purchase some as well as draw up new school route bike maps. This request for a change in the budget would need to be voted on in the next meeting. **Movie Night**: 50 Edna blankets would be on sale at the event as a surprise. **Yearbook**: this year's theme would be "Many Stories, One Edna" in line with the school's focus on inclusion and diversity. Flyers with the mobile app for taking pictures for the yearbook had been sent out the previous week. The **Dia de los Muertos** assembly would take place on November 1st in the MPR.
- b. Fundraising: The Annual Campaign has raised \$72,000 so far, not including at least \$5,000 in pending matching funds. The financial secretary was working on sending out all tax receipts.
- c. Programs: **Book Faire** was set to take place Tuesday to Thursday, December 10th-12th. A PJ party would kick off the event on the Tuesday night, with pizza and popcorn to be served. The **Variety Show** was set to take place on Saturday, February 8th. Event organizers have been lined up and are working on a theme.
- d. Garden: A big banner had been made advertising the October 6th Orchard Market. A few more volunteers were needed for the event. A Parent Garden Committee had been established to ensure the garden could benefit from the breadth of knowledge parents' had about gardening. The weekly maintenance committee would be coming up with projects to improve the garden.

**7. School Board Update:**

School Board President Leslie Wachtel relayed that all board members read their emails from the community, but that it was policy for only the President to respond. Encouraging everyone to attend the next school board meeting, she noted that John Binchi, Director of Maintenance and Operations, would be making a presentation on a 10-15 year building plan for all six sites, including the feasibility of rebuilding the middle school. There would be a poll conducted in November or March on a bond for raising money for a middle



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school rebuild. She welcomed parent comments during the public comment section of the upcoming meeting.

**8. KIDDO! Update:**

KIDDO!'s fundraising period would start on November 1st.

**9. New Business:**

Sharon Nakatani noted that she would present on grade level funding for field trips and graduation in the next meeting.

PTA meeting adjourned at 10:15. Notes taken by Natasha Kindergan.