

## Stone Lake Elementary PTO Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016

The November meeting of the Stone Lake PTO was called to order at 6:00pm by Jessica Trudell

Attendance: Sunnie Coleman, Jessica Trudell, Ebony Wellington, Laura Wong, Danaa Tateishi, Yvette Sack, Mark Beard, Jasmine Gonzalez, Melanie Tsukamoto, Jennifer McMahan, Liz Mellinger, Tye Ross, Heather Larrabee, Susan Leu

### Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the October 11, 2016 meeting was approved on a motion by Jennifer McMahan and seconded by Danaa Tateishi

### Treasurer's Report:

Jessica Trudell reported that the Apex Fun Run fundraiser has earned Stone Lake \$24,500 with 10% going back to each grade level. Our restaurant nights have grossed approximately \$1200 and our Book Faire grossed about \$2000.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Liz Mellinger and seconded by Sunnie Coleman.

**A. Book Faire Recap** - Jessica Trudell reported that this year's book faire was a great success and that there was a lot of support from parents and students.

**B. Restaurant Night:** Ebonee Wellington reported that December's restaurant night will be held at the Subway located on Harbour Pointe Way. This will be a 4-day event from Thursday, December 15th through Sunday, December 18th, and Subway will donate 10% of all sales from open to close. Ebonee also asked if there were any restaurants that we would like her to research; Sunnie Coleman suggested The Sandwich Spot that is located in the Target Shopping Center on Laguna Blvd.

**C. Minimum Day Movie - Finding Dory** - Jessica Trudell reported that the Minimum Day Movie will be held on December 21, 2016 and that volunteers are needed. The \$5 admission will include water and popcorn. Fliers for the event will be distributed to classrooms upon approval.

**D. Spirit Wear** - Jessica Trudell reported that the December site sale for Spirit Wear will be announced at a later date and that the information will all be on the Stonelakepto.org website and school app.

**E. Fall Festival Recap-** Jessica Trudell reported that the first Fall Festival was a successful event, bringing in even more families than was anticipated. The event raised \$720, even though it wasn't meant to be a fundraiser, but rather a community event. Danaa Tateishi observed that the photo booth was a little hidden and that the jewelry vendor being placed right next to the entrance caused a bit of congestion; she suggested that if we have a Fall Festival next year, we should maybe consider moving those vendors to other locations. A family costume contest was also suggested for next time.

**F. Playground Improvement Update-** Mr. Beard and Jessica Trudell are still working with a vendor to find a structure that will meet the approval guidelines of the school district. The initial structures that were looked at didn't adhere to the guidelines the district have in place, so the search will continue. Per Mr. Beard, the district wants to limit the use of ropes and the like; the goal being to have a long-term, safe structure. Upon finding a few structures that gain approval, the students will get to vote for the structure they like best. Danaa Tateishi inquired about the projected cost, but Jessica Trudell stated that at this point, the cost is uncertain. She did state that PTO has set aside \$20,000 and that the excess

grossed from the Apex Fun Run will be added to the PTO funds. Mr. Beard is currently working on a site modification plan that will need to be submitted for approval.

**G. Free Ways to Support Stone Lake-** Jessica Trudell discussed that there are a few avenues available to parents, teachers and those wanting to support Stone Lake students that don't have any out-of-pocket costs associated with them. The school website and school app list the different ways that you can help contribute to Stone Lake.

- Box Top submissions
- Store and supermarkets have programs (i.e. Raleys Something Extra) in place that can link store purchases to Stone Lake and donate funds to the school
- Amazon online shopping
- Apps like Shoparoo can be downloaded to a smart phone and then you can scan your receipts. Mr. Beard reported that we just received a check for \$484 from Shoparoo
- e-Waste pick up

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Beard reported that the EGUSD wants to reintroduce Visual and Performing Arts back into elementary schools and that the school board is making it a priority. He will be sending out an email within the next week with a survey link; the survey will basically be seeking parent/teacher/student input. 4th-6th grade students will take part in this survey. Tye Ross asked why 6th grade students were going to be surveyed since it is their last year, to which Mr. Beard replied that they are more mature and that their input is important because they will have a good understanding of what they are being asked.

Stone Lake will be introducing EDMO afterschool academy which is a cost-based program that will utilize GATE funds, as was discussed in the Coffee Klatch. There is only about \$4000 given to Mr. Beard for the GATE program and it isn't really enough to have any impact on the program for GATE- identified; therefore, Mr. Beard will use those funds towards EDMO, which will be available to all students who are interested.

Liz Mellinger asked Mr. Beard if there would be acting classes this year, but there will not.

Jennifer McMahan inquired about a Stone Lake basketball league and Mr. Beard advised that he was able to get both a female and male coach and that Stone Lake will have a basketball league for 5th & 6th graders. Try-outs will be held in mid-December and the league will begin in January.

### **Open Forum**

Heather Larrabee is a community member, who also owns the local Mathnasium tutoring service and is a member of the Stone Lake PTO. She has tutored multiple Stone Lake students over the years and her goal is to donate a percentage back to Stone Lake for each student attending Mathnasium. She presented a \$50 check to the PTO and advised us that she would like to make a monthly donation, no less than \$50 as her way of giving back to her community.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm on a motion made by Ebonee Wellington and seconded by Jennifer McMahan.