



Claremont Middle School PTA

Oakland Unified School District

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Claremont PTA General Meeting Minutes - Public

Thursday, August 20, 2020 (ZOOM)

Meeting Begins 5:00 pm

Present:

PTA Board

Dan Clifford, President

Shreyas Cholia, Co-Treasurer

Elizabeth Davies, Co-Treasurer

Chris Lu, Secretary

Tessa Gragg, Co-VP Fundraising

Joel Adachi, Co-VP Fundraising

Elaina Garvin Briant, VP Communications

Teresa Mulder, VP Events

Shona Armstrong, Historian

Miho Kubota, Parliamentarian

School Admin/Staff

Jonathan Mayer, Principal

Edana Anderson, Community Schools Manager

Lacy Leftkowitz, 6th Grade Dean

Eric Galvan, 8th Grade Dean

See Attachment for Other Attendees

1. Welcome & Introductions - Dan Clifford

- Ice-breakers
- Join PTA by going to the Claremont MS website @ www.claremontms.org/pta/join-the-pta/
- Self-introductions of new CMS PTA Board



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2. Principal Welcome - Jonathan Mayer

- Working on last minute change to materials distribution for tomorrow & Saturday due to poor air quality, update to be sent out tonight via robocall & email
- Off to a good start for the year
 - advisories going well, 13-15 kids in each advisory class (Mr. Mayer has one)
 - attendance incredibly good
 - staff is doing the best they can in this situation, but is a challenging environment
- Any +/- feedback on the start of the year?
 - Sara H (6th grade): advisory time feels good, new skill learning is effective
 - Leslie A (8th grade): Coach Johnson advisor, advisory seems engaging
 - Katie G (8th grade): last year @ Claremont, will miss great teachers & staff, only snag was tech issues (connectivity, etc.), but very effective to reach out directly to advisory teacher to resolve
 - Chris L (8th grade): break out groups on zoom seem to be working
- Mr. Galvan
 - 8th grade dean
 - grew up in Oakland
 - went to Glenview Elementary & Monterra MS
 - goal for 8th grade is to get all kids "high school ready"
 - 8th grade teaching staff learning how to "distance teach"
 - ready for "school" to start this Monday 8/24
- BTS Night
 - Tue 8/25 8th Grade
 - Wed 8/26 7th Grade + ALL SDC classes (NEW NEWS)
 - Thu 8/27 6th Grade
 - no need for PTA support for BTS Nights
- Potential near future budget request for "core 4" tablets (Amazon fire tablets) to support smoother zoom interaction
 - cheaper than higher core Chromebooks
 - idea from Johnny Cambell (6th grade)
 - Ms. Zelig testing for her class
- Q&A
 - Q: (Jenn S) Will there be zoom classes for art?
 - A: Yes. There will be zoom classes for all electives.



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3. School Events/Communication - Elaina Briant

- Materials distribution
 - will change based on poor air quality, update to be communicated tonight
- BTS Nights
 - Tue 8/25 8th Grade
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 - zoom link/updates will be coming thru regular communication channels
- Teresa Mulder will organize a virtual "volunteer party" for volunteers to meet & greet - TBA
- Communication - how to keep up-to-date on what's going on
 - Knightline
 - published weekly each Thursday morning
 - read &/or sign up for on the Claremont MS website @ claremontms.org/resources/knightline
 - Grade level emails
 - email grade level communicator to be added to distro list
 - 6th - jjbrimmer@yahoo.com
 - 7th - iemckenney@gmail.com
 - 8th - chris.lu.66@gmail.com
 - CMS website @ claremontms.org
 - OUSD website @ OUSD.org
 - sign up for emails to get district updates
 - Social media
 - Elaina will transition FB & Insta accounts to someone on the CMS staff, TBD

4. Fundraising - Tessa Gragg/Joel Adachi

- Claremont Fund
 - budget is \$70,000, almost half way there but don't want to lose momentum, thank you to those who have contributed already
 - asking \$995 p/student but ANY amount of donation would be super helpful
 - many of usual PTA revenue streams are not avail this year
 - donation link @ claremontms.org/pta/donate/
 - funds library, restorative justice, technology, sports, etc.



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- Corporate Match - Lina Sheth
 - check if your company matches (can check @ claremontms.org/pta/matching/)
 - will need to do a little research on best way to get match @ your workplace
 - Lina will help on backend to process thru Claremont
 - please get word out to all parents to help maximize donations to CMS thru matching
- Online Auction - Leslie Ayers/Micki Mika
 - online only this year due to social distancing protocols
 - theme is "A Knight In"
 - 10/20-10/29/20
 - weird year, usual companies unable to donate (eg. restaurants, hair salons, etc.) so need to get creative
 - doing well in sponsorships, have filled top 3 tiers:
 - \$2000 - MPR Financial
 - \$1000 - Bakesale Betty, Abio Properties, Amato Architecture, Maxi Lilley/Red Oak Realty
 - \$500 Star Lightner/Cabin Cottage Home Rentals, Ruth Goldstone (real estate)
 - need donations for the wine raffle, please drop off @ 5660 Ocean View (via Zoom chat)
 - still looking for volunteers to help with procurement, if willing please email @ auction@claremontms.org
- Patsy S suggests reminding people to use Amazon Smile, etc. to maximize passive earning for the PTA (via Zoom chat)
- Tessa gives a shout out to Allie (6th grade parent of Garrett) and to Dan Clifford to taking on the PTA Board President role as the parent of an incoming 6th grader!

5. 2020/2021 Budget - Shreyas Cholia/Elizabeth Davies

- Review 2020/2021 Budget (view upon request) to approve so that Board can issue checks

APPROVED - Shona Armstrong moves to approve current 2020/2021 budget, Jenn Sedlachek seconds, unanimously approved



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- Approve checks 4895-4916 (detail upon request)
 - 4895-4909 from this summer under previous board (Ruth Woodruff, Treasurer)
 - 4911-4916 issued this school year (Shreyas/Elizabeth, co-Treasurers)

APPROVED - Chris Lu moves to approve check numbers 4895-4916, Shona Armstrong seconds, unanimously approved

- Treasurers to form a Budget Committee to review and revise current budget vis-a-vis more knowledge of income stream due to "distance" protocols
- Please contact Shreyas or Elizabeth soon if interested in joining the Budget Committee @ e.b.davies@gmail.com or shreyas@gmail.com
- Budget Committee to present revised 2020/2021 Budget at next PTA General Mtg scheduled for 10/1/20

6. PTA General Meeting Schedule - Chris Lu

- Th 8/20/20 - welcome/school year kick-off
- Th 10/1/20 - approve revised budget/auction
- Th 11/5/20 - bylaws revisions review/nominating committee
- Th 2/4/21 - bylaws revisions approval
- Th 4/29/21 - approve board & budget for next year
- if you have an idea for a guest speaker @ any of the general meetings, feel free to email anyone on the board & we will see if we can make it happen

7. New Business/Open Items

- Patsy S runs the Ultimate Frisbee team and is recruiting for when sport return, she will send out communication at that point

8. Close - Dan Clifford

- Thanks for attending first General PTA Meeting
- If you know anyone who would like to volunteer, please reach out

6:04p Meeting Adjourns



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