Claremont PTA General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 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
Miho Kubota, Parliamentarian

School Admin/Staff
Jonathan Mayer, Principal
Eric Galvan, 8th Grade Dean

See Attachment for Other Attendees

1. Meeting Kick-Off - Dan Clifford

2. Principal’s Report - Jonathan Mayer

- End of first marking period is Fri 10/9, new period begins Mon 10/12
- Thanks to all volunteers for materials drop off on Sat 10/3 & Wed 10/7, WEAR MASKS!
- Any volunteers needs to attend a quick training on Fri 10/2 @ 4p
- Have ordered 50 Samsung tablets for kids to help with zoom connectivity, CMS is trying for the district to see, 30 people already have, will buy 50 more
- Next “Gardenside” chat on 10/15
● Update on classes @ school site - possible maybe in a month or 2 to try small pods on site, select locations for the district for limited in person, nothing will happen for hybrid until 12/1 earliest
● Great School Site Council mtg, next one is 10/21, probably 7:45-8:30a
● Trying to get more feedback from parents
● Student-Led-Conferences coming up, figuring out how to run them this year, but will be students leading conversation with parents @ home & can include teachers as needed
  ○ Have had 15-20 students that have had a really hard time with distance learning but majority are doing well
  ○ 6th grade will try to have more time with the teachers

3.  Treasurer’s Report - Shreyas Cholia/Elizabeth Davies

● Have $59k in checking, 52k in savings
● R4R disbursements from last year went out
  ○ each school receives $5792
  ○ will be a virtual event for this year
● Budget Committee reconvened & recommends updated budget
  ○ Elizabeth presents budget (see separate file/available upon request)

**APPROVED - Elizabeth Davies moves to approve current 2020/2021 budget, Chris Lu seconds, unanimously approved**

● Approve checks 4917-4931 (see attachment for detail/avail upon request)
  ○ $29k for Claremont
    ■ fundraising committee
    ■ teacher supplies
    ■ summer work for teachers
    ■ PTA membership dues
  ○ Balance of checks are ($70k) R4R disbursements

**APPROVED - Shreyas Cholia moves to approve check numbers 4917-4931, Miho Kubota seconds, 1 abstention**
4. Fundraising Update - Tessa Gragg/Joel Adachi

- Claremont Fund
  - We just hit our $70k goal!
  - Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, we can see every little bit makes a big difference
  - Even though we’ve hit goal, we are operating off of a reduced goal due to COVID-19 & would like to exceed as much as possible to set up next year’s PTA effectively

- What the PTA has funded so far this year:
  - support staffing needs for Mr. Mayer, like library
  - new tablets for zoom
  - Manga High (online math program)
  - Code Combat (online coding program)
  - headsets for teachers
  - books for reading intervention

- Shout out to Murdy Foundation who donated $6750

- Joel has created a page on the CMS website that covers “other ways to give”, encourage everyone to support these businesses which will in turn support CMS
  - Q: (Jennifer Sedlachek) If you are already subscribed to Farm Fresh To You, is it possible to change allocation to Claremont?
    A: (Tessa) Yes! You change your allocation to Claremont by typing “Claremont” into the code box & all orders after that will be allocated to us
  - Q: (Patsy Smith) Do we still have e-scrip with Berkeley Bowl?
    A: (Tessa) Not aware of but will look into
      - Joel says BB not currently enrolled w/e-scrip, Patsy says was different program, Tessa/Joel will look into
  - Q: (Jody London) Does CMS have kick back from Office Depot?
    A. (Joel Adachi) Yes!

- Online Auction - Leslie Ayers/Micki Mika
  - has been a little bit challenging but things have picked up in the last few weeks
  - tomorrow is the “deadline” to get everything in, but will likely take late submissions
  - if you know of anyone who would like to donate, pls send them to Leslie or Micki
  - wine raffle tickets now avail
  - will likely meet goal but would like to exceed bc we need every last dollar
  - adding “restaurant nights”, currently have 3 nights covered, if you order from specific restaurant, a % of proceeds will go back to to Claremont
  - will sell tees with the auction theme “A Knight In”
  - thanks to all sponsors, will recognize them on our FB page
5. **Schools & Communities First/Prop 15** - Erin O’Hara/Sam Davies
   - *(Presentation posted on CMS website with meeting minutes)*
   - Reclaims $12B per year for schools & community services, $600k for OUSD
   - Does not affect residential properties at all
   - Cuts taxes for small businesses
   - $ for schools, roads, teachers, etc.
   - CA 39th out of 50 in per pupil spending
   - Go to oaklandscf.org to get involved, goal is 15k action steps from OUSD parents
   - “Action hours” coming up Th 10/8 7-8p & Th 10/15 7-8p (statewide)
   - Currently polling @ just over 50%
   - If any ? reach out to Erin or Sam
   - Q: (Patsy Smith) Heard opposition from people with businesses worth more than $3M. What should response be?
     A: Erin will investigate & get back to Patsy; Sam says that the small business tax decrease was included to help mitigate this (trying to focus on really big businesses)
   - Q: (Elaina Briant) Where can I get a lawn sign?
     A: Email Erin or Sam & they can provide window signs

6. **Bylaws Review** - Miho Kubota
   - If anyone is interested in joining the Bylaws Committee, email Miho @ miho.kubota@gmail.com

7. **Communications/Events**
   - Claremont school tours update - Eric Galvan/Kim Wilson
     - 3 “tour” nights - live event with key people (eg. Mr. Mayer, student panel, etc.), potentially a “walkthru” tour at the end, there is a 4th date set aside in case needed
     - once you sign up, you will be sent a link to 3 pre-recorded materials
       - previously asked ?
       - video of student narrated school tour
       - self 360 degree tour (Mr. Galvan working on)
     - current tour info can be seen @ claremontms.org/about-claremont/considering-claremont/
   - Materials Distribution for upcoming quarter - Teresa Mulder
     - Sat 10/2 & Wed 10/7
     - email Teresa if interested in being on the volunteer list
     - if volunteering need to attend training on Fri 10/2 @ 4p for 15 mins
   - Next General PTA Meeting will be Thursday 11/5 - Chris Lu
8. **Measure Y** - Jody London (District 1 Board Rep)
   - *(Presentation posted on CMS website with meeting minutes)*
   - How you will get new multi-purpose building @ Claremont
   - $735M general obligation bond to fund facilities & maintenance for Oakland Public Schools
   - Can only spend the $ on projects detailed in this bond measure, can’t be spent on anything else
   - Need 55% yes votes for this to pass, currently polling over 55%
   - Old Measure J has funded:
     - OUSD central kitchen & education center which will prepare 35k fresh meals for kids every day
     - Fremont High School - new, replacement, & renovated areas
     - Glenview Elementary - complete teardown (kept facade) bc was not seismically sound, green build
     - Madison Park Academy expansion - was middle school & now goes up thru high school
   - Yard signs avail - email Jody @ oaklandjody@gmail.com
   - Any interest from Claremont in organizing a phone bank evening? If yes, email Jody
   - There’s a Measure Y zoom info night on 10/15 hosted by Robert & Elaina Briant
   - Q: (Elaina Briant) Heard that someone said the language on Measure Y was too broad (eg. Measure G) so $ doesn’t have to go to what it’s slated for?
   - A: (Jody London) Measure G was a parcel tax & will need to be revisited for oversight but Measure Y has specific language to prevent this
   - Assuming Measure Y passes, the CMS community will need to be very vocal to get the multi-purpose room built

9. **New Business/Open Items**
   - Teacher appreciation - how will we manage?
     - Teresa & Elaina to connect with Nicole Dupree & Mr. Mayer then will come back to the group
     - Maybe target post-auction to ask for donations

10. **Close** - Dan Clifford

**6:32p Meeting Adjourns**
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