



Claremont Middle School PTA

Oakland Unified School District

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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



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- 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



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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



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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



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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 Joday
- 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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Meeting Attendees

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