



Claremont Middle School PTA

Oakland Unified School District

Claremont PTA General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 4, 2021 (ZOOM)

Meeting Begins 5:00 pm

Present:

PTA Board

Dan Clifford, President

Danny Kramer, EVP

Shreyas Cholia, 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

Shona Armstrong, Historian

Other

Jonathan Mayer, Principal

See Attachment for Other Attendees

1. Meeting Kick-Off - Dan Clifford



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2. Principal's Report - Jonathan Mayer

- OUSD Sports Email came out
 - High schools will start some sports soon
 - Middle Schools tbd, hoping to have some sports back in action for the spring
- All Principals mtg tomorrow to discuss return to school for select pods for students who really need it, 6-8 kids for each grade level, to work out kinks
- Have been receiving emails from parents re wanting to get back to school, very bureaucratic
 - SF suing itself
 - Chicago on strike
 - Ms. Youts is safety rep from the teachers
- Mr. Mayer looking for parent representation on pulling together committee to discuss return to school
 - Natalie Zatkan would like to volunteer
- Marking period ends tomorrow (2/ 5)
- Oratorical is happening 2/9
- Upcoming new garden-side chat potentially Thursday 2/18
- Q: (Shona Armstrong) What are your thoughts on BTS in fall?
A: Potential to start right after Labor Day after a "test" run of summer session in July, have suggested
- Q: (Natalie Zatkan) What SHOULD we do as parents to help get kids back to in-person school?
A: Reach out to Sam Davis and advocate as much as possible.
- Q: (Chris Lu) Do you know what the teachers union WANTS in order to return to in-person school?
A: Recommend to reach out to the union directly or ask a teacher you might be close to what parents can do to help.
- Q: (Natalie Zatkan) Will there be a CMS survey re how many students WANT to return to in-person school?
A: Is an option, would like parent involvement to help determine.
- Q: (Laura Mytels) Has the district not yet decided start date for next school year?
A: No start date yet, pending what's happening with covid.
- Q: (Caroline Stern) Could you advocate making CMS a vaccine site?
A: Yes, will do.
- Q: (Caroline Stern) Could there be something in-person for graduating 8th graders?
A: Yes. Will plan to do something like last year.



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

- Account status:
 - CMS checking \$146k
 - CMS savings \$52k
 - R4R \$16k
- Budget Committee kick-off, if anyone is interested in joining the budget committee, please email Shreyas or Dan, will send out communication too
- Check approvals CMS 4938-4953 (\$4,558.68), R4R 1060-1064 (\$11,773.81)
 - Teacher salary supplements
 - Classroom supplies (supporting distance learning)
 - Insurance premiums
 - Professional development
 - Student excellence

APPROVED - Shreyas Cholia moves to approve Claremont MS check numbers 4938-4953 & R4R 1060-1064, Chris Lu seconds, unanimously approved

4. Fundraising Update - Tessa Gragg/Joel Adachi

- Claremont Fund @ ~\$115k, exceeded goal, but have lost some revenue due to covid
- Looking to lay off everyone asking for money this spring, will focus efforts to supporting R4R to help raise for both us & the sister schools in our community, and other passive fundraising efforts
- Will continue with "other ways to give"
 - FFTY has been great, raised \$850 in 4 months, want to push to continue, all local sustainable farms along with Oakland businesses
 - Minted has extended to be a year round partnership with CMS
 - May do some spring partnerships with local businesses like Nathan & Co & Tootsies or restaurants
 - Dan - Don't forget about Amazon!

5. Bylaws Update - Miho Kubota

- Bylaws Committee reviewed & suggested a few changes, now approved by Peralta PTA
 - Move first general mtg to September from August
 - Adopted some updates to state PTA rules like ok-ing virtual meetings
- Actual vote to approve bylaws will be at our 5/6 general mtg
- If anyone has questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out to Miho



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6. Nominating Committee - Miho Kubota

- We are required by CA PTA rules to put together a committee to reach out to potential candidates for next year's PTA board
- Nominating committee nominees: Leslie Ayers, Laura Mytels, Shona Armstrong, Dane Frederikson

APPROVED - Miho Kubota moves to approve Leslie Ayers, Laura Mytels, Shona Armstrong & Dane Frederikson as the Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board, Shona Armstrong seconds, unanimously approved

7. Communications/Events

- R4R - Teresa Mulder
 - If anyone is interested in helping out email Teresa
 - Looking to create teams to compete
- If anyone has ideas for events, please email Teresa
- If anyone is not getting the Knightline who wants it, please email Elaina
- Last General PTA Meeting will be Thursday 5/6/21 - Chris Lu

9. New Business/Open Items

- Teresa thanks parents for donating to teacher appreciation, raised over \$11k
- Dan thanks community for chipping in to help out families in need
- Caroline Stern encourages people to join the Town Hall @ 6p discussing school closures & school re-opening
- Q: (Patsy Smith) Does anyone know if there will be school pictures this year?
A: No. Check with Edana or Marta Gonzalez

10. Close - Dan Clifford

5:55p Meeting Adjourns



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Meeting Attendees

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