



PTC Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2023

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Note: Hybrid meeting

**IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:** Thien Hua, Amy Bosch, Teacher Greg Brown, Carolina Castillo, Amy Thompson, Katie Hansen, Jenna Branecki, Mariana España, Juliana Reyes, Soledad Carvahal, Lisa Price

**REMOTE ATTENDEES:** Maestra Sierra Hill Leahy, Kim Hall, Lindsay Brown, Kate Giffen, Laina Jacobs, Rafa Higuera, Amy Dahlen,

- **Minutes** from last meeting: [September 21, 2023](#) available for viewing.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Music Equipment:** Mr. Brown's 'Cool After School' rock/pop program for 36 5th graders meets on Mondays and Fridays; good for advancing music skills. Played first time on Monday; the goal is an 8-song concert recital. Specifically looking for borrowed and rented equipment and instruments: 2 each child-sized guitars and bass guitars, wireless mics, cables, 2 each bass and guitar amps, congas, timbales, drum stands, consumables (strings and batteries). Some funds originally meant for instructors, but without specific activities planned, can be for equipment. **Lindsay** motions to approve \$4K (\$2K each from after school and unplanned misc.); **Juliana** seconds; majority approves.
- **Adult Education from Kid Power:** There is a question and answer period after a regular class for people to get more information. Recording is \$600 more than the \$900 up to 90 minutes of programming; Kid Power takes care of the recording and uses speaker view (no participants), so no video releases needed. They keep it as part of the online learning center and users would have to log in. Can apply grant funding, but the recording option is not available in that case. ELAC participated in the past in Spanish and is looking forward to more programs. Will send out a poll to the greater community and make a decision at the next meeting. The four most popular:
  - **Bullying Prevention:** emphasizes setting boundaries, and modeling positive behavior
  - **Online Safety:** skills for online safety and how to approach it with kids.
  - **Boundary Skills:** gives opportunity to practice with the whole family.
  - **Take Charge of Mental Health**

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Amy Bosch

- **Teacher Appreciation Planning:** Kim and Jacque using allotted \$3K on a mix of breakfast and lunch options; targeting minimum days Wed/holidays to allow a leisurely meal. Negotiating with regular restaurant partners (Woodstocks, Erik's Deli, Mission BBQ, etc.). Taqueria Agave for breakfast burritos.
  - Banners to highlight acknowledgement. May let kids draw messages of thanks, and decorations for the teachers' lounge. Can also use the banner being made for the Downtown Holiday Parade.
- **Movie Nights:** Run by student leadership; main beneficiary is 5th grade Science Camp
  - Students will handle flyer distribution, popcorn shifts, choose the movie from a list of teacher-approved options. ELAC will do warm/cold beverages and desserts; contract for pupusas also for Dia De Los Muertos. PTC will be in a support position.
  - Maybe show the movie in back since with DST, sun won't be an issue. Usually attach to amphitheater wall, but Lindsay has a screen to borrow. In case of inclement weather, could hang a sheet in MPR, but not much space (146 capacity).
- **Latino Heritage Decorations:** At Teacher Joe request, Amy B loaned 6 table cloths in the past, but new ones are needed. \$250 to get oilcloth or blankets; come from \$2K already budgeted for Dia de los Muertos and movie nights; can be evenly split. Teachers would love biography books in Spanish at 1st -3rd grade level, specifically about Latine historical/current figures.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Katie Hansen (H/Os 'Statement of Activity July 1 - October 11,' 'Treasurer Report-2023-10-12)*

- Health issues are delaying tax review, but **Katie** will have everything prepared for accountant's return.
- **Budget:**
  - PTC Reserve Fund tends to hold a bigger balance; looking to make investments as well.
  - As with ELAC, Arts, and the Library, the PTC will hold funds for student leadership and Sunshine Committee as well; separate line items will be added.
  - Funds are coming in from popcorn and the first round of Dragonwear sales.

**TEACHER'S REPORT:** *Sierra Hill*

- **Staff Room:** Adults only; some conversations are not meant for kids. Any kids can hang out with Mr. Hua, front office staff, or Maestra Sierra during PTC-related duties.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** *Thien Hua*

- **Downtown Holiday Parade** (12/2, 10am-12pm): All set for the first week of December. No charge to participate; Ugly sweater theme. One week before the event, we will receive a lot number to indicate where to gather at 9:30AM; parade starts at 10:00AM. Parking is often an issue, so plan ahead. **Juliana** will lead a round of Feliz Navidad. **Mel** and **Mariana** can help with banners since they both have experience with designing and logistics.
- **Goodwill:** staff is very appreciative; thank you to PTC for staffing the truck.
- **Picture Day, Picnic at DeLa, Latino Heritage Spirit Day:** all went well.
- **BMX Assembly:** one of very few events for the entire school to attend together.
- **Dientes:** free dental care for kids who normally do not have access; thank you to **Soledad**.
- **After School Care Options:** Survey is titled is related to transportation, but is really about after school care. Boys and Girls Club is another option; at \$170, it is more affordable than CKC at \$400.

**VP REPORT:** *Jenna Branecki, Juliana Reyes*

- **Popcorn Fridays:** Andy the electrician finally fixed the outlet needed for popcorn. Working on the rental of an industrial popcorn maker with an eye toward buying one.
- **Dia De Los Muertos:** Library-centered event 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- **Dos Alas Enrollment:** Spanish-speaking ESL participation is low; the cultural exchange element works best if participants are 50/50 English/Spanish. Want the program to be accessible, not gentrified.
  - Students can get into the program if starting after 1st grade, but must pass the oral evaluation to verify that they are Spanish-speaking.
  - **Mr. Hua** and **Soledad** reached out via e-mail and phone to interested parties who indicated they were Spanish-speaking, but there wasn't much response. The decision whether to participate can be complicated (transportation, priority to learn English, going to school with their neighbors, etc.).
  - Parent ambassadors who are in the program are the best advertisement. Flyers do not work well; should visit other schools in person or via video; may ask Sam Rolens for assistance.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 16, 2023, 7:00pm-8:00pm (immediately following ELAC)  
Hybrid: in-person (DeLaveaga school library) and/or Zoom link.

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