



PTC Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2024

By: Amy Thompson

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Note: Hybrid meeting

**IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:** Thien Hua, Amy Bosch, Amy Thompson, Mariana España, Jenna Branecki, Katie Hansen, Amber Roney-Staniec, Maestra Sierra Hill, Joe Leonard, Carrie Jara, Angela Pan, Leanna Jensen

**REMOTE ATTENDEES:** Juliana Reyes, Soledad Carvajal, Christopher White, Kimberly White, Gwendelyn Rivera, Dawn Byrom, Jay Melena, Julie Fyfe, Melissa Morale-McGibbon, Michael Polito

- **Minutes** from last meeting: [May 23 Meeting Highlights](#): PTC 2023-2024 accomplishments, approved Preliminary Budget

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Library Supplies:** Increase front visibility and encourage new genres; want to increase brain-compatible display to increase enthusiasm for ready. 7-8 slats walls about \$1100 one-time expenditure. \$1500
  - **Amy B.** moves to approve. **Katie** seconds. Majority approves.
- **Los Dichos Project Cornerstone Program** (Melissa Morales-McGibbon). Initiative from YMCA committed to helping all students. Socio-emotional learning for all kids to learn together regarding a specific asset and gives a place for common language; bilingual books on a 3-year cycle. Parental recruitment may come from ELAC & PBIS Committee. Ideally handed off to two parent leaders per class. After an initial launch meeting 2-hour commitment per month; 1st hour is for the parents to review the 1-page script and practice, then present the book, alternating languages, in front of each class. \$3700/year. Need teachers to set aside time in the class; Mr. Hua can propose at next staff meeting and the next.
  - **Juliana** moves to approve a line item for \$3700/year. **Mariana** seconds. Majority approves.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: *Katie Hansen*

- **Statement of Activity, Budget vs. Actuals:** Raise funds for student enrichment and decide use the following school year.
  - **Pledge Drive** - First fundraiser of the year is the biggest. There is a new method for receiving matching funds.
  - **Spirit Wear:** gives a stipend to each teacher to help decide which kids can benefit most. Teacher store has everything at cost. Regular store profits put funds back into the PTC coffers.
- **Budget Approval:** Finalize *2024-2025*
  - **Recess Equipment:** not using Consultant (as in 2023-2024), but government funds for this line item are no longer available. Leaving the funds in this line item for the sake of recess equipment.
  - **After School Programs:** Still have an extra \$10K in the budget. Pilot program; unknown how many kids can/will participate. Acting Class for 3rd-5th who would benefit most. Parks & Rec also coordinates
  - **Library Supplies:** Matching district funds for books and library supplies, including equity with spanish selections.
  - **Small-group intervention funding request:** Melissa Morales requests extra funds for Olga, the existing bilingual RTI Coordinator in a paraeducator role for supporting third grade students.
  - **Recess Coach:** current coach cannot continue due to bus driving duties; thinking of reaching out to the UCSC students in the Parks & Recreation program. Recess times are rigidly scheduled in the middle of the day (9:45a-1:00pm). Want to make it sustainable. Could be parent volunteers as well.

- **Mariana** moves to approve the preliminary budget with minor adjustments (as listed above). **Leanna** seconds. Majority approves.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** *Amy Bosch*

- **2024-2025 Meeting Dates** in bottom margin of Meeting Agenda. September, March, November may all be same day as ELAC. More to follow at the September meeting.
- **PTC Recruitment/Elections**
  - **Communications Lead** - Amber Roney-Staniec will replace Lindsay Brown; doesn't need a vote since it is not a check-writing position.
  - **Marquee** - Katie has found someone; Casey Ryan.
  - **Secretary** - recruiting to replace Amy Thompson; OK with shared duties.
- **Conversation Exchange Gatherings** - next meeting
- **Google Drive access** - ELAC request - next meeting

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

- **Bilingual Communication:** include spanish at the bottom in the same newsletter communication; also trying to streamline the website in an inclusive manner.
- **Staff Room:** Children are not allowed in the Staff Room. The front office is fine for waiting.
- **Smaller Flyers:** please enclose in **paper clips** during distribution into teacher mailboxes so they don't drop everywhere.
- **Dragon Wear:** discount for teachers is very much appreciated.

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

- **Cell Phones and Social Media:** The negative effects of social media, especially on girls in secondary school is not being taken lightly; the district is working on a more uniform policy to benefit students more more uniformly.
- **Volunteers:** with approximately 70 staff members in 21 classrooms serving 484 students, we thank everyone joining us tonight. Spread the word to friends as well; we need the help of our entire community.

**NEXT MEETING:** *September 19, 2024, 3rd Thursday of the month*  
*Hybrid: in-person (DeLaveaga school library) and/or Zoom link.*

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