

Guadalupe Home & School Club
Board Meeting
AGENDA—Minutes (Approved)

When: Wednesday, November 9, 2018
Time: 9:12am-10:06am
Where: Guadalupe Elementary School Staff Room
Attendees: Carmen O’Hehir, Rachael Ostrowski, Astrid Obermeier, Susan Smith, Brian Holloman-Kincaid, Danalisa Gotz, Theresa Wellman, Ingrid Ofte, Shelly Moss, Dale Jones

I. Call to order and Welcome

Carmen O’Hehir called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

II. Approve Past Meeting Minutes

Susan Smith made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Carmen O’Hehir seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all ayes, no abstaining or nay votes.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer is working on Science Camp check processing and general check requests.

IV. Communication Report

The newsletter went out and a permit request summary was reviewed, Winterfest will be held week after thanksgiving. We need to speak to teachers about the date change and potential slight alteration of Teacher Time & Talent (TTT) activities to be auctioned (e.g. hot cocoa and cookies become a Valentine theme instead of winter theme) Theresa Wellman volunteered to do TTT (assisting Mrs. Walpole), The problem with TTT last year was confusion from teachers on payments. We discussed collecting money only at the event instead of collecting later.

V. Volunteer Coordinator Report

We still have open Chair positions, with Box Tops as the biggest need. Perhaps an email with a short description of the job sent out to room parents for distribution would help get a chair. The Lost & Found Chair position is the other big need. Perhaps the Student Council can take over this task. Carmen volunteered to help. Brian volunteered to speak with Mrs. Susoev for student council help with the Lost & Found.

VI. School Board Meeting Report

There was a lengthy discussion about a new bond and using a consultant, who participated via phone, who helps districts work on bond campaigns. \$149 parcel tax (needs 66% approval), the group did not come up with bond figures (which require a majority approval). Data on mainstreaming was provided: UnionSD is behind on how much time Special Need children are in regular classrooms. Projected figures on student enrollment were provided from the district consultant- 10 years down the road should see a slight drop off. No teachers spoke about special education at this meeting. Teachers are concerned about special needs students with significant challenges that are disruptive to classes, and teachers are not getting enough training and support

from trained aides. Some districts are full-inclusion districts (wealthier ones), more consistent with IDEA laws (students should be served in the least restrictive environment). The parent feedback was that full inclusion only works when you have proper support.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Walkathon update – complete, it can be removed
- B. After School Movie/Family Movie Night – movie night had 150 attendees, 5th grade raised \$1200, leftover hot dogs can be used for Winterfest (lessons learned, needed to start 1 hour earlier)
- C. Chefs Night Out – Nov 30th is the next Chef’s Night Out @ Rock Bottom Brewery 10% donation of everything, including drinks. All day 11am-11pm (Friday). Sue Robinson’s idea—good job!
- D. Sponsorship update – Just received a platinum sponsor Steinhof Orthodontics. January doing something new to push the cycle to annual. Theresa pointed out that companies like write-offs for the end-of-year, possibly push December 1st instead of January in the future, depending on how things go this year. Holiday card fundraiser started on November 1st with Shutterfly/TinyPrints, Minted. Plans to send school-wide email about holiday card via MySchoolAnywhere.
- E. Fall Speaker Night – 28 people signed up so far. Open issue- we need to confirm with Champions on childcare (Dale). We could use an older Girl Scout troop for a potential backup plan (check with Berni Heneghan).
- F. Winterfest – planning meeting will be on Monday, sign-ups for soup and baked goods, selling cocoa and baked goods.
- G. Other – Guadalupe Garden – the district came in and took out the old garden boxes. We hope to have new solution in the spring.
- H. Project Cornerstone – Danalisa Gotz. They are planning a large-scale project with snowflakes, using a school-wide, visual display, possibly at Winterfest but we need to find a display space. Brian HK will discuss with Danalisa how to get the card stock to kids to fill out. Brian HK to speak with kinder teachers about the display. We should add Project Cornerstone to standard communication list. At the 1st Cornerstone Coffee 6 parents attended. Good job, Danalisa! She received feedback that many parents didn’t know about Cornerstone. She plans to hold an event like this every other month.

VIII. New Business

We are losing for funding for a 7:55-8:15am yard duty due to higher costs than expected (\$3-5K for the year). We need to find a way to keep it going. It’s difficult to get parents to volunteer at that time, and the position must pay for a minimum of 1 hour. This issue needs further discussion for this year and could possibly be added to budget for next year.

IX. Teacher’s Report— No teachers present.

X. Principal’s Report

