



## ***Miller Creek Home and School Club Agenda & Minutes***

**September 8, 2017**

**8:15-9:30 M-3**

### **Call To Order - Jenn Benson**

Jenn called meeting to order.

### **Introductions - All**

Everyone attending introduced themselves. See sign in sheet.

### **Good Practices - Jenn Benson**

Assume best intentions. No sidebar chats, please.

### **Principal Report - Kristy Treewater**

Have 632 students enrolled. Accomplishments so far this year: Teacher professional development. Dedicated professional group of teachers are a joy to work with. Great WEB day resulted in confident 6th graders. Successful start to first day. Lots of parent volunteers. Welcome Coffee on Friday in the library went well. 6th grade parent chat went well, good turn out with 20 parents. Club Fair yesterday. Launched Change Drive for Hurricane Harvey - helps teach compassion for the community. B2S Night, Athletics launched (volleyball). Showed pics from Club Fair. Lots of robust clubs all funded through CanDo. Want to keep kids engaged and connected at school, make MC inclusive for all. Nature of the fair is fun and promotes MC values.

Parent Survey conducted for the first time last year. One concern - families feel disconnected even though students feel connected. Natural separation that happens but want to make sure families stay connected. In response, we're doing a Fall Family Night Sept 28th. Sept 14th there will be two Parent workshops: one for 6th grade, navigating middle school. 7th and 8th grade one for adolescent development, communicating with them, etc. Hosted by MC counselors. November will be parent conferences, different timing from last year. More to come on that. Parent Screening on the film, Angst, and discussion with MC counselors on how to support our kids in dealing with anxiety. Waiting for our copy for review and may decide to show it to some grades too. Off to a great start to the year!

One administrative issue - Some 6th grade families not receiving the Panther Press. Need to troubleshoot how to make sure all parents are receiving Panther Press. Kristy working on the issue. If you are a family not receiving it, we'll problem solve family by family. All communication is also on the website as well, but we'll work it out.

### **Treasurer Report - Paige Lee**

Budget to Actual spreadsheet was handed out for review. Budgeted \$16K in revenue for spring fundraiser and exceeded it. Total fundraising income \$3K. Library expenditures includes purchases of books. Misc is revenue from B2S night selling pizza. This year added in Fall Family Social. Increased Beach Day. Operating at a Net Loss but we have plenty of money from carry over years. Not trying to make money but using money on hand from previous years. Goal is to use money we make. When that accumulates, we spend it or carry it over into the next year. Review of Off Budget Accounts - we're the fiscal agent for these groups. Subset of what's going on in the general accounts. For example, if there's surplus from Honor Society events (basketball games snack shack), they'll use it for other events (hot chocolate). Rainbow Alliance received a grant so we hold that here for them and they can spend the money on their club events. For Library, Allison thinks numbers don't add up. Will review in a separate meeting.

### **Approval for bottle refill station - Motion to Approve**

Kristy - every year we collect money for graduation gift, \$60/student. Goes toward party, DJ, gown, McNear's Beach Food (Thursday before the party), Friday night dance, stipends for the teachers and the awards. Sometimes we don't use it all. In Fall as HSC, we think of how to use those extra monies. Last year we had a student passionate about water bottle use. Morgan got us thinking about installing a water bottle filling station. District will finance all installation for it. Kristy's hope is that we can use the \$2424 invoice. Motion to use surplus money. Jenn motioned to approve. Juliet seconded the motion.

### **New Business - Jenn Benson**

#### **Fall Family Night Approval Suggestions Sept 28**

Jenn - idea was to get families at school to stay connected. Ideas were food trucks, any other suggestions? North of the Boarder Taco Truck and Kona Shaved Ice will be here. Zach Lee and MC DJ's will be there too. All set up outside in the Quad. Is this enough to have families come? It's a social, not a specific organized event. Hesitation on having only one truck. Expensive to have second truck from Sacramento (jambalaya and pulled pork). Taco Truck is doing it with no minimum spend required. We'd be on the hook to cover balance if we don't meeting the full minimum spend amount of \$1000 to cover a the Sacramento second truck . Would people like it enough> LingLing has friend with corn dog food truck. Will ask him if he's free that day, cost etc. and let Jenn know. Can HSC provide drinks? Yes, we will host a drink station. Kristy, hearing positive feedback that this social is of interest. Agreement that we need at least two trucks to avoid long wait lines (will lose people that way). Marni - we should confirm with food truck vendors how many people can they serve per hour to avoid long lines. Jenn - another thought is serve pizza and salad out of Creek Cafe. Consensus is to stick with the theme of food trucks.

Need motion to approve the possible expenditure on second food truck. Jenn makes a motion to approve that maybe we'll need to spend \$1000-1500 to contract trucks. Motion was seconded.

## **Mom's Night Out update - Francie Burkhard/Allison Valdes**

History on event: Mom's got together, alcohol and food, sit down dinner. People complained too formal, not fun enough (photo booth was there, raffle). Switched it up completely and had it at Marinwood with DJ and people complained it was too loud and couldn't talk/hear. What's the happy medium? Mom's Day Off last year - massages, henna, makeover stations at Unitarian Church. Mellow, nice afternoon but not good weekend to do it on Mother's Day weekend. Made most of the money on silent auction. Wasn't a loss but didn't hit our fundraising goal. This year doing a book swap to bring literacy back into it. We do advertise it to the 5th grade moms to bring elementary families into the MC family. Trying to juggle a lot of differing opinions to please many. Open to suggestions for what time of year, what it looks like. Main goal to bring in money for library and make it something that people want to attend. Suggestion for bowling tournament at Country Bowl. Need to do the silent auction piece. Love book swap but it's not going to earn money. Suggestion for doing it in April or January rather than May. April may not be best due to CanDo! Book Lovers Luncheon. All thoughts welcome. Possibly consider some childcare solution, i.e. high school babysitters. Denise - prefers the mom's night out better than during the day. Goal is to raise \$3000. Renting out a theater in Larkspur was also suggested.

## **Grade Reps Monthly Newsletters**

Resend Opt In for grade level updates. Need to make sure the newsletters get out by next week. Juliet - If Reps can have access? Kristy will work with Juliet to get rid of the opt out.

Still looking for 6th grade reps from Vallecito and Dixie. Important for them to attend meetings to be a voice to get the info out to everyone in the grade. Newsletters should go out the Wednesday following the monthly MCHSC meetings.

## **Can Do! Report - Maggie McPhail**

Maggie CanDo Board reporting. Family Giving Campaign (FGC) has kicked off. Hearing great things of what CanDo! does. New things with FGC - doing 6th grade All In Option for all three years offered for a lowered amount: \$1750, which is a \$50 break on three years total. Also get free yearbook and don't have to order it. Difference this year for All In is it needs to happen by October 31st. Similar for 7th and 8th, can also get free yearbook if full ask is in by Oct 31st. Another change with FGC is to shorten the campaign. Trying to have the end of the big push by Dec 31st, end of fiscal year. Trying to offer flexible ways to pay to get the pledges in by Dec 31. If any questions or suggestions, contact CanDo. Biggest change is the Fun Run replacing the Night Out Auction. Wanted to replace it with a better community event way to bring everyone together. More community building, not just for the district but everyone in the community. Fun Run is on October 15th. Includes a non-timed fun run for the kids. The 5K is timed with start and finish lines. Festival will follow the run. Register by Sept 25th to guarantee t-shirt in your size. There is a training program being put on by Terra Linda - 50 people total. Training program (running, mechanics, coaching) is starting now on Sunday mornings. If you want to attend it, you must sign up before. Will send out a sign up genius to get volunteers both before, during and after the Fun Run & Festival. YES hours student opportunities and tapping into TL students too. Another event is an Eichler Tour.

## **Volunteer Coordinator - Brigid Dombrowski**

Still need a few more but they are filling up. Jenn - soliciting 6th grade parents.

## **Miscellaneous**

Erica - request for more tables for 7th graders for lunch? Kristy - there is room to sit on bench but it's about friend groups, shade, many things at play. Suggestion to put shades up. Kristy will consider possibilities.

**Next Meeting October 6, 8:15-9:30am M-3**