

Austin Creek Parent's Club
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 8:30am (Science Lab)

1. Call to order 8:37am by Dave Traver
2. Board Member Roll Call: Meets a Quorum

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Tari Power	Lisa Brown
Dave Traver	Emily Pope

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Traver	Cindy Wu	Janine Taylor
Angie Caster	Katherine Larson	
Jylene Seitz	Christina Bartels	

General Members in Attendance:

Maggie Ng	Nicole Eriksson
Tatianna Bourget	

3. Approval of meeting Minutes from 11/2/17
 - a. Motion to approve: Lisa Brown
 - b. Second: Mary Traver
4. Principal's report: Jenny Lynch
 - a. It feels good to be back to school after the wildfires. There has been a shift in direction. 13 Austin Creek Families have lost homes. The general student body has been affected in several ways – lots of fear and anxiety being seen among the students. Staff are working through the issues and helping those affected.
 - b. Kinder table update: Considering putting the tables elsewhere because in order to move the wood chips the area needs to be repaved.
 - c. Questions by Katherine Larson: How can we help the AC families who have lost homes? Answer by Jenny Lynch: most of the families have found some sort of temporary housing. Prior to fires the district had a 1% housing issue – now we have lost 5% of our homes in Santa Rosa. Looking at a 2 to 4 year re-build. This will be a long-term recovery and we need to patient with how to help. The needs will come with time.
 - d. Expecting new registrants from other schools where students have been displaced and deemed "homeless." New registrants can enter a grade at AC that has space. Otherwise, Rincon Valley District will

accept a student and place that student where there is space in the district.

- e. Looking into helping a significantly affected school – Riebli and Shafer. Waiting to hear back from those schools as to what their needs are.
- f. Principal Lynch is checking air quality daily prior to AC students going out to recess. Masks are available in the office if parents/students would like one.
- g. HEPA filters are running over night to keep the classrooms clean.

5. Walkathon Update: by Katherine Larson

a. Date is Wednesday November 8th from 12-5pm. Most all resources have been able to move to that date.

b. Low on volunteers and donations – email blast will go out with Sign-up Genius

c. Pledge forms due soon after the event

d. Auction will begin in December

e. Trying to find a specific need after the wildfires to help in the community

6. President's Report

a. Thank you for everyone's effort following the fires.

b. Parent's Club – not changing any events going forward. Still on track to hold all scheduled events throughout the year

7. Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Report

b. Discussion about setting aside an allocated amount of money to assist with the fire relief.

c. Balance in the checking account is shown for transparency.

8. New Business – by Dave Traver

1) Action on amending bylaws

a. Approved at last minute that we can amend the by-laws to include teachers and staff as members of the board as well as

b. Motion to approve: Cindy Wu

Second: Lisa Brown

Vote by Board Members: Lisa Brown, Mary Traver, Cindy Wu, Emily Pope, Dave Traver, Katherine Larson, Jylene Sietz, Janine Taylor Christina Bartels, Tari Power, Angie Castor (11 voting members in attendance)

c. Dave Traver to contact remaining members for vote in order to meet 2/3 quorum (3 members voted via email: Susan Leslie, Laurel Chamness and Kiranmayi Acharya)

2) Community Outreach following Wildfires:

- a. Complex issue – FEMA rules, wanting to be sensitive, maintain confidentiality, respectful of family’s needs and situations
- b. Action item to increase Compassion Fund from \$750 to \$5000.

Parent’s Club will communicate with Principal Lynch regarding needs for affected families. With this vote we are able to write a check same day if need be to address a family’s needs. This way we avoid having to change the 2017 budget. We have a fiduciary duty to spend this money wisely and with discretion. Bring situations of families in need to the attention of the Principal for approval.

Motion to overspend the Compassion Fund up to \$5000: Lisa Brown

Second: Tari Power

Unanimous Vote obtained to approve increasing the Fund

9. Committee Updates

- a. Family Fun on the Town: Scoop Night needs to be rescheduled
 - i. Wanting more ideas for the Spring – dance, carnival?
- b. Marquee – constantly making adjustments, will put Walkathon Sponsors on
- c. No other committee updates

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:33am: Tari Power

Second: Emily Pope