

Austin Creek Parent's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:00 pm (Multi Purpose Room)

1. Call to order 7:03pm by Dave Traver
2. Board Member Roll Call: Meets a Quorum

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Tari Power	Lisa Brown	Deanna Holzapfel
Dave Traver	Emily Pope	

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Traver	Cindy Wu
Kiranmayi Acharya	Katherine Larson
Jamie Ballard	Liz Restel

General Members and Teachers in Attendance:

Amanda Probst	Morgan Brady
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3. Approval of meeting Minutes from 1/11/18
4. Principal's report
  - a. Community Meeting – went really well.
  - b. Interested in using consultant funds to hire Kathy Alexander to help principal and teachers meet the needs of high achieving students.
  - c. Gaga pit – how to make this happen?
  - d. Ongoing awareness of how to address needs of fire victims.
5. President's report
  - a. Huge thank you to Walkathon Committee and Volunteers – great success.
  - b. Thank you to all of our school volunteers – cards from teachers are on chairs expressing gratitude. Mary Traver would like to add that every teacher has done an excellent job in reaching out to students with gratitude.
  - c. Addressing accelerated students – Dave spoke with Principal Lynch and Superintendent about how to address those students needs. Ideas include: differentiating between students in the classroom. Using consultant funds for training. Superintendent suggested bringing in different professionals (airline pilots,

doctors, lawyers etc) to teach their trade. Consultant would help facilitate this.

- d. Compassionate fund – last meeting we approved using up to 5k to distribute. We will continue to be in contact with Principal Lynch about where to distribute and how volunteers can help. At this time we have not had any requests from families for funds. Tari Power – suggested we advertise this fund and available volunteers in a Thursday flyer. We have roughly 17 families at Austin Creek who lost homes – the most in the Rincon Valley district. Wanting to discuss extending our funds to other school’s compassion funds through the district – funds would still be overseen by Principal Lynch.
- e. Katherine Larson – mentioned that we discussed that a portion of the Walkathon proceeds would go to a fire need. Dave Traver mentioned making an action item to decide a dollar amount. Principal Lynch mentioned Anova as a school that had significant loss. Contact Anova and Hidden Valley Satellite School to see what needs they have and determine a dollar amount to donate.
- f. Murals – notion of replacing the green walls on campus with nature scenes. Process would include having an artist come in, work with each classroom on a design and then organize a paint by number project. Approval given by Principal Lynch and District. We did not receive a local grant we applied for. Dave Traver plans to meet with Dana Lynn Valarino to set up a time frame. Tony Roehrick verbally agreed to prepping the concrete walls. Paint would be custom mural materials so it won’t fade. Board will have the opportunity to discuss and approve the project. We have not received any prices yet on the project. Likely to be spread over two years.
- g. 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip and day field trips: Based on a district survey, several district schools do not have the number of chaperones required for trips. Dave is interested in putting together a Chaperone Panel – would be fingerprinted and trained. Extending to the community to find field trip volunteers. Questions proposed by members: should this be housed at Austin Creek or the district?
- h. Gaga Pit – issue has been that we don’t have the space to put it. Spoke with Tony about his crew coming to measure and prep the concrete to make this feasible.
- i. New classrooms – should have 3 additional classrooms in 3 years. Tony has discussed several ideas for locations. Possibly purchasing part of soccer field.
- j. AC – proposed plan to be installed in each classroom by this summer.

## 6. Treasurer’s Report

1. Walkathon came in over budget.

2. Not meeting dollar amount budgeted for Passive Fundraising.
  3. Transparency about how much cash we have – assets are listed.
  4. How much money do we have that is “extra” in our reserves – roughly 35-39k. Should we do a capital campaign? Could we use Consultant Funds to hire a PE expert to train the primary teachers on a PE curriculum?
7. Suggestions to enrich the school: Needing to address yard duty. Could we create a Sign-up Genius for Parents to volunteer? – Jamie Ballard volunteered to look into this. The need is for parents to help with games.  
Open up science lab – 3D Printer – suggested by teacher Amanda Probst. Questions raised about long-term costs for 3D printer. Would help enrich Stem Program.
8. New business: none
9. Committee Updates:
- a. Family Fun Night: Bingo night with moms & their kids, Carnival and Dance for the Spring – Mary Traver volunteered to help.
  - b. Create a Float for the Rose Parade – incorporate band.
  - c. Garden – needs to be reinvigorated.
  - d. Holding off on Scoop Night until the Spring
  - e. Need to start planning Fine Arts Day & Field Day
  - f. Needing to recruit for Walkathon and Auction Chairs – by this Spring
10. Discuss dates and time of next meeting
- a. Changing date to March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am instead of March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup> grade buddies could help with Kindergarteners

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:03pm: Emily Pope  
Second: Tari Power