

Austin Creek Parent's Club
2nd General Meeting of 2019-2020 School Year Minutes
November 8th, 8:30 am, Multipurpose Room

- I. Welcome and Call to Order at 8:35am
- II. Roll Call of Board Members
 - a. Approved Minutes from August 30, 2019 Meeting
 - b. Board Member Roll Call: Emily Pope, Janine Taylor, Marie Smith, Tari Power, Susan Leslie, Cindy Wu, Lacey Malone, Kiran Acharya, Courtney Negrevski
 - c. Other Attendees: Elizabeth Considine, Eddie Fernandez, Deanna Holzapfel, Dee Bergum, Jenny Lynch, Nicole Eriksson
- III. President's Report
 - a. Board and Committee Positions - Need new auction chair
 - b. Decided to hold Walkathon in mid-September (Sep 18 TBD - prior to conference week) to alleviate concerns of rescheduling due to power outages, school closures, and inclement weather
 - i. May receive less donations, because it's been less than a year that organizations have donated and may not be able to donate again
 - ii. May be an opportunity to have a fall and spring auction to spread out fundraising efforts
 - iii. Suggestion to have a bigger auction committee to support different categories - i.e. restaurant, buy-ins, special events
- IV. Principal Lynch's Report
 - a. "It's been a really good week for the kids and the kids have been appreciative coming back to school. Today is Pajama Day and passing out hot cocoa to students."
 - b. ACPC: Where is Austin Creek in line for upgrades? No building upgrades but full landscaping re-do and would requested to start upgrades in the spring but can't guarantee it will start in spring. It's a big upgrade and will take approx. two years; landscaper is environmentally conscious and doesn't want to get rid of watering system. Cindy Wu asked about electrical lines to Marquee sign, but this upgrade does not include electrical.
 - i. Field is Santa Rosa City and would take years to get a permit to build a track; MPR isn't set up for basketball nets; need to communicate with district office to get approval on plans if ACPC would like to propose upgrades. ACPC funds could upgrade playground.
 - ii. Elizabeth Considine is looking into retractable awnings for lunch patio, but would need to be approved by district if attached to building.
 - c. Gaga pit funds - Laura Knapp didn't think there would be a need for indoor PE equipment; Langely and Pressler are working on integrated movement program and will be providing a list of items to see if funds can be applied there.
 - i. Vote: To extend the decision on Gaga fit funds redirected to Jan meeting - Susan Leslie brings to motion, second Janine Taylor, all in favor, no one opposed; funds to be returned to ACPC fund by January if Lynch does not determine a use.
 - d. Thrillshare RVUSD app works for attendance purposes and this will b Austin Creek's app to use moving forward.

- e. Update on Wellness - Lynch using Wellness calculator instead of "Frito-Lay" list; she's recommending cheese snacks, whole grain, fruits and veggies, 100% juice; sent link to Wellness calculator in flyers and room parents should have a link; takes into account ingredients and portion size; if during school hours, classes can purchase a pancake party or pizza party from school cafeteria.
 - i. Danielle Cantrell attending district meeting on 11/18 with Erika Noone to report back to ACPC.
- f. Next Tuesday, 11/12/19 is the school board meeting. Austin music teacher Dan Hetzer is the Employee of the Month for the district.
- g. Rescheduled Kinder Tour next Friday along with school site council meeting around safety and student data.
- h. Teacher committees (16 total teachers that then train the rest of the staff) starting Nov 18 and 19 - focused subgroups on talk, engagement and differentiation - for students; helping narrow down areas of need; grades for school are strong.
- i. ACPC: Is the district going to address the power outages and evacs? Superintendent Tracy Smith looking into power generators to keep schools going (\$20K/school); RVUSD calendar needs to be aligned to Santa Rosa cities school calendar so we cannot change to year round.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget Review
 - i. Overview of walkathon budget; still incoming final numbers.
- b. Vote: to amend Standing Rules to clarify Exec Committee's ability to alter the budget - Kiran to motion, Tari to second, all approve and no one opposes.
Current language under Section 5 says the Executive Committee "May authorize unbudgeted expenditures that do not exceed \$500. Such authorized expenditures shall be reported to and approved by the Board of Directors at the Board's next regular meeting." It is not clear if this is a one-time budget alteration, or any expense under \$500 can be approved, which could easily add up. Propose to adjust language to say "expenditures of up to \$500, not to exceed \$the unforeseen misc. budget in total during the school year."
- c. Vote: to carry over funds from last year to be compliant - Tari to motion; Susan Leslie seconds, everyone approves and no one opposes.
- d. Vote: Approve \$2,500 for unforeseen misc. budget line item - Janine to motion, Courtney to second; all approved, no one opposes.

VI. New Business

- a. Walkathon Report – Katherine Larson
 - i. Officially retiring as chair and event needs to happen in September next year; need to get as much done this year to support that.
 - ii. Parent volunteers were strong this year at Walkathon.
- b. Planning for next year's Walkathon & open positions
 - i. Lacey Malone to act as new chair of Walkathon in 2020!
 - ii. Auction chair is open or breaking out into more than one position.
- c. Use of disposable items on campus – \$120 for 200 reusable sporks
 - i. Purchased sporks to test in the cafeteria - discussed stainless steel vs. BPA free plastic vs. flexible sporks as options; Emily Pope going to trial run some options before making final decision.

- VII. Discuss Upcoming Events
 - a. Give a Gift Nov 13-19 - Foster Youth of Sonoma County through Medical Alliance organization; no wrapped items
 - b. Mary's Dine & Donate Nov 20th
 - c. Winter Dance Dec 6th from 6-8pm

- VIII. Committee Updates
 - a. Looking into Garden Docent program for Spring working with Sabrina Bellinger as lead. Talk to teachers about getting parent volunteers for their classroom to teach curriculum. Fall trial with Kinder and 1st graders was a success.
 - b. Spring event:
 - i. Received interest in holding a spring event from parent community. Lynch and ACPC Exec Board liked the idea of a multicultural event that would be during school carried into evening, but cannot rally teachers to support curriculum due to contract negotiations -- without classroom support makes the possibility challenging.
 - ii. In lieu of, proposed an adult only casual event to bond parent community where we bring in wine, beer and food truck(s); silent and/or live auction to compliment Walkathon fundraising. Proposal to make auction in fall more kid-focused and spring items larger items for adults. Looking for Spring Event volunteers to help organize.

- IX. Q & A

- X. Adjourn Meeting