

Austin Creek Parent's Club  
3rd General Meeting of 2019-2020 School Year Minutes  
January 31, 2020, 8:30 am, Multipurpose Room

- I. Welcome and Call to Order at 8:36am
- II. Roll Call of Board Members
  - a. Board Member Roll Call: Emily Pope, Janine Taylor, Marie Smith, Tari Power, Cindy Wu, Lacey Malone, Courtney Negrevski, Sabrina Bellinger, Katherine Larson
  - b. Other Attendees: Elizabeth Considine, Dee Bergum, Jenny Lynch, Nicole Eriksson, Christie Nash, Maryam Shafae, Darcy Resch
  - c. Approved Minutes from November 8, 2019 Meeting motioned by 1) Katherine Larson and 2) Courtney Negrevski and approved by all
- III. President's Report
  - a. ACPC Exec Board approved \$500 Fine Arts Day funds from district to be applied to a school in need
  - b. Fundraiser for school generator. Discussed raising cash to fund a school generator for power outages. ACPC discussing spring fundraising event to support
  - c. Board Openings (2020/2021 school year): Marquee Board, Treasurer, Vice President, Assemblies, and New Parent Liaison
    - i. New Walkathon Chair (Lacey Malone) and Auction (multiple ACPC board members)
- IV. Principal Lynch's Report
  - a. Reviewed Tracy Smith district budget update
    - i. Landscaping project at Austin Creek on hold due to lack of budget. Landscaping project estimated to cost 1.2M mostly for labor costs to dig up current irrigation without having to replace it.
    - ii. Possibility for ACPC to pay for landscaping in smaller projects.
      - 1. Need to go through process to apply for district budget dollars first and then can apply ACPC funds.
    - iii. Tracy Smith is investigating purchasing generators for Sequoia and Austin Creek given that they are in high fire danger zone.
      - 1. Sequoia is fundraising to purchase their own generator. Need to get more details.
      - 2. Need to understand what type of generator and/or vendor would be approved by the district.
  - b. Fire season - Discussed planning for next year.
    - i. Adding additional school days as make-up. RVUSD aligns to Santa Rosa City Schools calendar and cannot change school calendar; asked about holding school breaks and holidays during fire season, but too hard to determine exact timing of threats and power outages.
    - ii. Asked about at-home lesson planning for school closures. Hard to plan based on timing; home study program has different curriculum; need to get creative with projects that can be done outside of the classroom.
    - iii. Best solution is to purchase a generator to be used during power outages.
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Budget Review

- i. Budget as planned, no surprises.
- ii. Discussed having cash balance at end of year to go toward landscaping and generator purchase.
- iii. Gaga Pit Funds were used for inside PE equipment for rainy days (Lynch worked with Langely); receipts were submitted.
- iv. At end of year, review what we have leftover in budget to give to teachers.

VI. New Business

- a. Wellness Council (Danielle) - Wellness Council approved Wellness Policy to bring to next board meeting for board approval. Council is updating Smart Snack list and created a resource guide to share across RVUSD to support school parties that adhere to school policy.
- b. Garden Update (Sabrina) - In fall, held a scavenger hunt in the garden for Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. Students tasted everything that was edible. The program was well received, but hard to scale without dedicated garden coordinators/docents.
  - i. Idea presented to create garden stewards from upper grades to maintain garden and use as learning tool for younger students to learn.
  - ii. Suggestion to focus on one yield per season - i.e. pumpkins in fall and flowers in spring to sell for school fundraising efforts.
- c. Teacher Appreciation Committee (Sabrina)
  - i. Lunch/coffees and lunch bag gift were given to teachers and gift cards for school aides.
  - ii. Suggestion to focus on lunches and coffees for appreciation instead of gifts.
  - iii. Need for additional budget to support teacher appreciation.
  - iv. Voted on \$500 to be added to teacher appreciation budget
    - 1. Motioned by Cindy and 2) Dee and all approved

VII. Fine Arts Day (Marie)

- a. Holding Zumba class assembly for Fine Arts Day
- b. Pay for most of the artists that come in out of Fine Arts budget
- c. Parents should create an Amazon Wish List to share with ACPC Treasurer for materials needed vs. ACPC credit card to streamline cash payments and so parents don't need to be reimbursed; talk to Janine for more details

VIII. Author's Day on April 7 - Mike Graff (Elizabeth)

- a. Invited author of children's books about visiting national parks
- b. Two assemblies to be held and broken out by grade; book order form provided to purchase book

IX. Field Day

- a. DJ needs to be confirmed and date change needed to avoid 6th grade field trip
- b. DJ negotiation needs to shave off an hour of time to work within Field Day budget

X. Adjourn Meeting at 10:10am