

Castlebay Elementary P.A.T.H. General Meeting

Date: 2010 December 13, Monday

Time: 08:30

Location: 19010 Castlebay Lane, Northridge, CA 91326. ~~Library.~~ Teacher's Lounge.

Board Members Present: 10/15

Co-President, Marie Pitrat

Co-President, Jessica Ries

1st VP, Wendy Moore

3rd VP, Lisa Gilder

Treasurer, Dawn Pattison – (Absent after 09:49)

Secretary, Kendi Kim

Principal, Vivian Ihori

Teacher Rep., Sandy Dorfman

5th Grade, Gerrie Wane

5th Grade, Judy Friedman

Board Members Absent: 5/15

1st VP, John Lee

2nd VP, Kay Hurst

Safety, Anne Bierling

Hospitality, Alla George

Hospitality/Cook's Night Out, Lori Kalman

Quorum Present: Yes

Guests Present: 8

Laurel Tidemanson

Ali Ghasemi

Erica Khorsandi

Heidi Lauer

Marilyn Short

Suzanne Blake

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to Order at 08:30 by Co-President Marie Pitrat.

II. Urgent Business (0830)

1. Former Principal of Vista Middle School, Suzanne Blake, presented proposal for new Valley Region High School, for upcoming community vote. Please see attachment of hand-out entitled, 'Valley Academy of the Arts & Sciences.'
2. Key points presented by Blake were: 1) students who live in designated proximity areas shall have priority to attend, then lottery-picked students, then those who live in "outer district" zones, 2) focus shall be on the arts, specifically the performing and visual/digital arts, 3) the school shall be established as a "public choice" school, not a magnet, and a portion of admissions shall be based on lottery.
3. Suggestions and comments offered by members and guests: 1) instead of lottery method, admission should be based on teacher recommendation and/or meaningful personal achievement, 2) there are voting restrictions as well as admissions restrictions against Northern Porter Ranch residents who may not reside in the designated proximity zone that is eligible for voting or receive automatic priority.

III. Minutes (0907)

1. **Minutes from 2010-November-15 meeting approved by the Board with an amendment to verbiage in Section 4, Item 1.**

IV. Principal's Announcements (0908)

1. New cleaning team has started their operations.
2. Castlebay's long-time librarian, Lizette, has been able to be retained at our school due to district freezing on hiring for library aides at this time.
3. District is planning on implementing the "early start" calendar beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. School will start on August 15th, rather than in September, and consequently the school year will end earlier as well. Comments should be sent to Tamar Galatzan's office.
4. Progress reports are going out next week, Friday.
5. Bully prevention assembly provided by "Morris Brothers" a couple years ago was well received by the students, and had good results. Cost is \$999. PATH board may consider having this option.
6. Dawn motions to lay on the table, that **\$999 to obtain a bully prevention assembly provided by the Morris Brothers shall be taken out of Safety funds**. Lisa Gilder seconds this motion. Motion is passed.
7. There is a consideration of the fire-station's services canceling or closing their service in this area. Update on this may be provided by Marie Pitrat, if further action is required to prevent this.

V. Treasurer's Report (0925)

1. At our current rate, expected funds shall be approximately \$57,000 by the end of the year.

VI. Teachers' Representative's Report

1. Teachers are glad that Lizette is able to stay on.
2. Fall Open Court assessments have been administered to students.
3. Copy paper donations have been well appreciated.
4. Parking lot concerns continue to mount, as families utilize parking lot as pedestrian zones and create dangerous and frustrating scenarios.
5. An ongoing bully-prevention committee may be a possible future option.
6. Suggestion to extend magazine renewal period, so that there is more time for our school to receive credit.
7. Finally, Tulsa Ave. has a mascot, and Castlebay might do well at assemblies with a mascot for student morale (ie, knight on horseback).

VII. Presidents' Reports (0933)

1. We have found appropriate people to help work on contracts for HR, so that PATH can gain employer status.
2. For future book-fair events, PATH should vote ahead of time whether to opt for cash earnings or a credit for product purchasing.
3. Sick days can be offered to PATH employees, though they currently do not receive any benefits yet.

4. For the Teachers Appreciation Breakfast event, we need assistance to serve and greet our Teachers in the morning.

VIII. 3rd Vice President's Report

1. February 17th is the tentative date for the coming Family Dance, pending confirmation of permission to utilize Granada Hills' auditorium.

IX. Safety Coordinator's Report

1. Safety signs – Thank you to Rossana Rivellini.
2. Earthquake Action Plan will be completed by Dec. 16th.
3. Backpacks will be restocked by New Year – Thanks to Jen Endler.

X. 5th Grade Coordinators

1. The 5th Grade Parent meeting went well. We shall be having a “bowl-a-thon” fundraiser with participation strictly for the 5th graders.
2. 5th Grade play, ‘Miracle of Philadelphia’, is commencing with parts already being assigned to students. We may consider using Nobel’s larger auditorium.
3. There is a need to raise more money to lower individual costs for students’ field trip to Pali Camp. The 5th Grade fund contains \$5222 currently, and of that amount \$3000 must be allocated for Pali Camp. However, the 5th grade would also like to have a 5th grade picnic, and provide the school with a gift.
4. A professional videographer will be obtained at a cost of ~~-\$18,000~~ \$1,800 for the 5th grade graduation ceremony.
5. Girl’s Scout members came and worked on some of the lawn area.

XI. Adjournment

1. The fire-station’s possible closing may be discussed further at next meeting.
2. Co-President adjourns the meeting at 09:42.

Submitted by Secretary Kendi Kim, on 2011-1-24 at 0533.

Revisions

- 2011-1-29: Section X, Item 4. Changed amount of videographer cost, from \$18,000 to \$1,800.
- 2011-1-29: Heading. Changed location of meeting from library to teacher’s lounge.

*Deletions and alterations marked in red and contain a strikethrough. Additions are marked in blue.

*Motions and their status are underlined for easy visibility.