

## **Robert Semple Elementary PTG MINUTES**

August 30, 2022 / 6:00 pm

### **ATTENDEES**

Zach Scribner, David Nagal, Jay Nagal, Zizzy Cowgill, Thea Coffin, Christina Mills, Jill Johnson, Nora Gillihan, Krista Heredia, Devon Johnson, Dana Jones, Emily Hynd, Laura Cohen, Alicia Wood, Kashana Harmon-Lee, Christina Moore, Kelly Brown, Marina Vlnar, Kristin Stemmler, Katy Floyd, Rachel Holme, Ali Hulczynslu, Vanessa Hedberg, Bailey Cashman, Kim Gordon, Ellen Mejia Hooper, Rajni Session

### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome/Appreciation**

Kristin- Thank you for coming tonight! Thank you to volunteers for a successful Back to School BBQ.

#### **Review & Approve August Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve- Marina, Kelly seconds the motion, all in favor to approve meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

#### **Principal's Report- Christina**

Thank you for Back to School BBQ volunteers and community. Thank you to Dana Jones for spiritwear and new signage. Thank you to PTG for staff welcome back breakfast. Updated on staffing- new supervision aides, 1 supervision aide is full time to allow for all recesses to be covered, still need to hire for 50% reading teacher.

Interested in developing a Welcome Wagon for new families. Parent Handbook and Principal/Superintendent chats coming soon!

Thank you to Kristin and teachers for attending calendar meeting. Kindness themes for each month being planned for Kindergarten rather than just one Kindnes Week. Back to School Night is in person Sept. 22nd, 6-7:30. First welcome with principal and then 2 sessions with teachers.

4th/5th graders are going to camp! Fundraising to offset the cost. School district will contribute as well. Trivia and mixed bags are planned as fundraiser. Possible outdoor movie night (Zizzy has a screen we can borrow).

### **Treasurer's Report - Marina**

Year to date expenses- \$10,350.77

Earnings to date- \$6,613.91

Checking Balance \$70,135.48

Savings Balance \$1,264.21

CD Balance \$25,508.79

Fundraisers are important! We will always find a way to make up the difference. Debit card is not allowed for our organization, credit card is not a great option. Will continue to pay out of pocket and be reimbursed.

After school budget line item will be for the 5th grade play, Winnie the Pooh, and a stipend for the director.

"For the purposes of changing the check signers on our Bank of the West Account #253065452" we have listed the following former and present Robert Semple Elementary PTG board members:

Current Signers are David Sells, Christina Moore, Amber Vigil, Marina Vlnar, and Bessie Bazos. To be removed are 2021-2022 President, David Sells and 2020-2021 Parliamentarian, Bessie Bazos. To be added are 2022-2023 President, Kristin Coleman and 2022-2023 Hospitality Chair, Juliana Marvin.

Provided is the list of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Robert Semple PTG Board members:

#### **2021-2022 Robert Semple Elementary PTG Officer List**

**President:** David Sells

**Vice President:** Kristin Stemmler

**Fundraising Director:** Adela Fernandez

**Secretary:** Nicole Apadula

**Treasurer:** Marina Vlnar

**Volunteer Director:** Juliana Marvin

**Hospitality Co-Director:** Amber Vigil

**Equity and Inclusion Director:** Laura Cohen

**Equity and Inclusion Co-Director:** Krista Heredia

#### **2022-2023 Robert Semple Elementary Officer List**

**President:** Kristin Stemmler

**Vice President:** Kelly Brown

**Treasurer:** Marina Vlnar

**Secretary:** Nicole Apadula  
**Fundraising Director:** Adela Fernandez  
**Volunteer Director:** Wendy Cunningham  
**Volunteer Co-Chair:** Jill Johnson  
**Hospitality Director:** Juliana Marvin  
**Hospitality Co-Chair:** Amber Vigil  
**Equity and Inclusion Director:** Laura Cohen  
**Equity and Inclusion Co-Chair:** Kashanna Lee

Kelly Brown motions to approve, Laura Cohen seconds, all in favor- motion passes

### **Equity/Inclusion Update**

Storytimes for different traditions and cultures to celebrate diversity. Proactively build community by having listening circle. Storytime monthly meeting is next week (9/5). Ethnic Notions is partnering to provide books. Dia de los Muertos activity is in the works. Still looking for volunteers. Storytimes will be on Mondays. Robert Semple is one of the most diverse schools in Benicia. Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day is November 14th 7:20 am.

### **Fundraising**

Believe Kids Fall Fundraiser- wrapping paper, cookie dough, etc. Kick off assembly will be in person.

Boosterthon is in April.

Amazon Smile- Automatic percentage goes back to the school!

Box Tops- scan on the app instead of cutting them out

Change a Life Scholarship- launch in November, \$1,000 goes to a Robert Semple Alumni. Penny Wars also an option.

Discussed potential restaurant take overs.

### **Harvest Festival Committee (Sept. 7th 6pm MPR)**

Saturday, October 22nd 11-3

DJ

Cake Walk

Food Trucks

Middle School Drama Volunteers

**New Business**

Marina motions for a line item for Back to School (TK/K shirts, banner)- \$450

Kelly Brown motions to approve, Laura Cohen seconds, all in favor- motion passes

Request that Lisa sends an email when volunteer official cleared.

Marina will share out list of board members and contact info to all parents who attended.

**Upcoming Dates**

9/8 6 pm Outdoor Ed. Trivia Night Fundraiser

9/13 8-9 am Coffee w/ the Superintendent for Parents

9/20 6 pm PTG Meeting