

Robert Semple Elementary PTG  
MINUTES  
July 26, 2022 / 6:00 pm / ZOOM & in person

#### ATTENDEES

Christina Moore, Zizzy Cowgill, Marina Vlnar, Kristin Stemmler, Laura Cohen, Nicole Apadula, Adela Fernandez, Kelly Brown

#### AGENDA

##### **Welcome/Appreciation**

Kristin - maybe we can do 2 meetings (or one long one) in June next year to keep July free.

Marina - this means elections in April.

Christina - this allows for more time. Make one big June meeting and then come back right before teachers in August to do calendaring

##### **Review & Approve June Meeting Minutes**

Marina motions. Kristin seconds. Approved.

##### **Principal's Report**

Christina - thanks to everyone for making time for today.

Lots of stuff happening at the school - new paint on the buildings, flag pole, new blacktop, new privacy screens on the cafeteria side of campus. Long trench in front of room 1 & 2 because there was a break in pipes, should be done next week.

6 new teachers. 2 Tks, 1 second grade, 2 fourth grade, 1 fifth grade. Need to hire 1-2 SSAs.

Going to hire a TK aide. Need to hire a 50% reading teacher.

Working on bell schedule. Putting together a welcome wagon for all the new teachers. Would like a welcome wagon for the PTG to make sure we welcome new families.

On the docket - Welcome back breakfast, sub committees for the big events (harvest, boo thru, etc.).

Kinder sneak peek - PTG president welcomes new families. Will let Kristin know on monday.

Looks like it is Monday the 15th (day before school starts) from 2-3

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

Closed out our year earning \$35,681.56

Expenses \$26,022.72

Surplus rolling over to this coming year.

Budget meeting for this year: ~\$90k for this year (expenses for 4th & 5th outdoor ed)

Expecting about \$50k for earnings

There is about \$70k in checking, so it will be covered.

\$20k is coming from the district for outdoor education (4th & 5th)

Nikki motions. Christina seconds. Budget approved.

### **Equity/Inclusion Update - Laura**

Fari was highlighted - opportunity for Krista to highlight solano food is free & RSE PTG. RSE PTG didn't get highlighted, but it was a good Benicia highlight.

Always a need for backpacks in the beginning of the school year. BLM is getting together to put some supplies together with other community organizations. How can we help - especially since RSE has a need.

Volunteer teacher survey had a good response - what do they need to be successful in the classroom. They want a weekly parent, art docent, equity parent, fundraising parent.

Biggest push is community support, get parents involved in the classroom again.

Kristin - 20 backpacks are available at the family resource center.

Christina - they usually reach out in the beginning of the year and ask how many are needed.

Marina - there are some available in storage

Laura - how do we communicate when this stuff is happening

Christina - theres been a bunch of position changes in the district. Need to know who is in charge down there and find out how we can make this happen and be accessible.

Nikki - can we put something in the supply list that lets parents know if they are experiencing hardship they can contact someone and get supplies.

Christina - putting something in the supply list

Marina - we've bought this stuff in the past. Putting in a line item for individual items.

Kristin - we can take some gently used donations of supplies.

Marina - we'll do that and put it in storage.

Extra line item added to the budget of \$1000 for supplies (things like headphones, backpacks).

Nikki motions. Laura seconds. Approved.

Laura will also broach this subject with the district.

### **Fundraising**

Adela - budget is set for fundraising. Added to last year's budget is plaques for the sponsors to thank them. Benicia Magazine will be a sponsor next year again.

### **Back to school BBQ committee**

Scheduled for Fri, Aug 19. Marina, Wendy, Julianna, Krista, Laura, Kristin, Zizzy

Christina - will get signage for PTG table, etc.

Meeting at 6 on Monday the 1st in the library. Marina will send an email about it.

### **Other business**

Back to school breakfast for staff. When does that happen? Need to double check with Amber.  
Grab & go on first day of school, big breakfast on the first PD day (August 12?)  
Kristin & Marina will discuss with Amber

### **Vote in new VP Kelly Brown**

Kristin motions. Marina seconds. Approved.

### **New Business**

Get email addresses on who want to be included on PTG emails.

Zizzy - BBQ is on its last legs. Need another propane. Some big ones are on sale for ~\$400 (blackstone).

Kristin - Bakers will donate one. There is a big one, but it is briquette. Kristin's dad will bring one.

### **Upcoming Dates**

August 16, 2022 - first day of school

August 19, 2022 - back to school BBQ

August 23, 2022 - RSE PTG meeting