

# Discovery Elementary PTO

## April 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 5:05 pm

**Meeting Date:** April 18, 2016

**Meeting Type:** General

**Meeting Location:** School Library

**Attendees: (13)** AJ Farzad, Carrie Geldard, Claudia Ramirez, Laila Lacy, Rebecca Perez, Cassie Glasgow, Daphne A. Eby, Alison Frank, Becky Shipley, Michelle Ramirez, Tina Light-Rhodes, Justin Beach, Kristy Heller

### Introductions

### Reports

#### President's Report

- ID scanners are supposed to be placed at the front offices of all schools by the district but they have not been working well at their test sites. There have been lots of questions by parents, such as will the scanner do a credit check. The answer is no, but it will do a search of registered sex offenders data bases and the DMV database. Also, some parents whose legal residency statuses may be in question have mentioned that it would prevent them from coming into the schools because they would not want to show an ID, or may not have an ID to show. The school board has not sided one way or another on that issue. There have been meetings with teachers to try to address issues like these. It's not a Discovery problem yet because it has not yet been officially rolled out, don't see it happening by the end of this school year. It is currently in place at Alvin Dunn, and has worked great for the first week.
- PAC Update- School board is trying to get funds for an official Music and Arts curriculum. Luminary Arts (LA) has been successful at Richland Elementary and is being recruited district wide. Created by a teacher at Richland, runs in eight- week segments, each with a focus on a different branch of the arts. Ideally, it will be funded by grants to the district. If not, PTO's will be asked to pay for it. Per Carrie, it is very expensive. Reviews have been mixed. Cost is significantly more than our music teacher's current salary. We would still be able to keep our music teacher and she would be given the option to become an employee of LA. This is all in the works, not yet clarified.

#### Yearbook Update -Tina Leight-Roades

- Yearbooks are already out for print and will be arriving in June.
- 700 yearbooks ordered for sale, of which 360 have already been sold. Typically, 45% of the yearbooks are sold the last few days of the school year.
- Yearbooks are selling for \$30 each.

#### Fundraising Report-

##### Dine Out- Claudia Ramirez

- Dine out at Boudin had to be cancelled due to their building issues, rescheduled for this Wednesday, April 20.
- May 11 @ Panda Express (not yet confirmed)

- June 1<sup>st</sup> @ Flippin' Pizza
- Coming up Froyo Love (TBD)

### **Principal's Report- Carrie Geldard**

- Quarter three assembly will be held Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> for students who have met their quarter three goals.
- Muffins with Mom will be held Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Art for Mother's Day projects have been ordered, crafting will be available during lunch periods for grades 1-5 in the cafeteria.
- Student Council wants to do another Gram Sale. Considering "Friendship Grams" bracelets with words printed on them that they can send to friends. Probably will take place in May.
- Earth Day is Friday and students are being encouraged even more to clean up trash.

### **Future Initiatives**

- After school movie, Michelle has been trying very hard to contact Edwards for free popcorn but no one responds. We want to do two more before the end of the year. Scheduled the next one for Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, The Peanuts Movie. Kristy Heller will prepare flyer for distribution in this week's Friday folders.
- Discussed the possibility of an Ice Cream Social (popsicles). No dates selected or official plan set.
- On May 6 donations of new books are be accepted in loving memory of Rebecca's son, a Discovery student who has passed away.

### **Roundtable**

- Justin Beach offering his services to help with coordinating digital outreach for next year to increase fundraising ability, consolidate the websites, and improve website visibility for parents. The district wants all schools to use PeachJar, however, per Justin it does not seem very user friendly. Suggests one main PTO website that can be used in tandem with PeachJar. Mentioned a Google website that has not been updated since 2015. Site is still up but hasn't been updated since PeachJar took over. Allison Frank's two-year term as VP of Communications is ending and the position will most likely be vacant. Board offers the position to Justin for his consideration and he declined but is offering to assist whoever holds the position. He does not want to join the PTO Board at this time. Also, per Justin, the address [discoverypto.com](http://discoverypto.com) is currently available and should be considered as a main site that the PTO uses from which our other sites can be accessed. Suggests an online payment option for fundraising with an added option for regularly scheduled automatic payments.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 5/9, Board meeting 4:30pm- 5:00, General meeting 5:00-5:30. A. J. must leave at 5:30 sharp.**