

Minutes of Discovery PTO Executive Board Meeting

Date: March 3, 2025

Location: Discovery Elementary School (Room 26)

PTO Executive Board Present:

Jennifer Crossett

Kajal Vithalani

Nicole Collins

Kathleen Hillenbrand

Lauren Roenicke

Alexis Solis

Dani Nazemian

Nicole Boros

Others Present:

Julie Morgan

Jamie Prescott

Brianna Fillmore

Tina Leight-Roades

Meeting called to order at 4:31 pm by Jennifer Crossett. Quorum was established. Dani Nazemian acted as Secretary.

Group Discussion Topics

Inclusion (Nicole Boros)

Nicole provided updates following her meeting with a Discovery parent (Tovah Agler) regarding inclusion. Questions were asked, and discussion ensued. The Board agreed that inclusion is the responsibility of the entire PTO Board. Nicole explained that requests from Tovah included the desire for a specific PTO position to include inclusion awareness as part of the formal duties. Dani volunteered to take this role as part of the Secretary position.

*****MOTION TO APPROVE SECRETARY DUTIES TO NOW INCLUDE INCLUSION AWARENESS. Brought by: Katheen Hillenbrand; 2nd: Alexis Solis; motion passed unanimously.**

The Board agreed that the PTO wholeheartedly abides by and supports messaging from the district (Dr. Andy Johnson) re inclusion efforts.

Yearbook (Tina Leight-Roades)

Tina noted that new yearbook staff is needed, as she will be retiring as yearbook coordinator. Tina will be available over the summer and next year to transition new staff. Tina described the general plan of getting yearbooks out at the end of the year bash and provided an update that 164 yearbooks sold out of 360.

End of Year Bash (Jennifer Crossett)

Jennifer provided an overview of the end of the year bash, which is likely to include food trucks, Rad Dad games and a teacher ice cream station. More to come.

Treasurer Update (Kathleen Hillenbrand)

Kathleen summarized our current budget progress, noting that we are about \$38K off of our goal (raising approximately \$168K to date). Kathleen highlighted the need for the Board to determine whether to fund STEAM (\$89K) and intervention staff (\$28K). Kathleen led a discussion regarding input received from teachers who want to shift away from pulling students out of class for intervention and to instead adopt a more inclusive model, where intervention takes place within the classroom. As such, the request is to fund a more general education intervention aid, rather than one who solely focuses on math intervention. Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

*****MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING STEAM PROGRAM (\$89K). Brought by: Katheen Hillenbrand; 2nd: Nicole Boros; motion passed unanimously.**

*****MOTION TO APPROVE GENERAL INTERVENTION SALARY BUDGET OF \$27,748. Brought by: Katheen Hillenbrand; 2nd: Alexis Solis; motion passed unanimously.**

Kathleen described the fourth grade request for headphones and chapter books by Gary Paulson in the amount of \$495 (out of \$500 grade level budget). Kathleen also described the cost of the ST math subscription (\$7,800). Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

*****MOTION TO APPROVE 4TH GRADE REQUEST \$495. Brought by: Katheen Hillenbrand; 2nd: Lauren Roenicke; motion passed unanimously.**

*****MOTION TO APPROVE ST MATH SUBSCRIPTION \$7,800. Brought by: Katheen Hillenbrand; 2nd: Alexis Solis; motion passed unanimously.**

Kathleen requested that any items for next year's budget be sent prior to the April PTO Board meeting.

Fun Run (Lauren Roenicke)

Lauren recapped the Fun Run, noting that the amounts raised total \$66,087. After considering Get Movin' fees, we are expected to net approximately \$63K. Lauren highlighted feedback received from teachers and parents, including that removing obstacles was a good idea; we need to invest in tent stakes; teachers liked the incentive bag deliveries (with note to remember to consider any special requests from Kinder next year); and popsicles from HVO were a hit. Lauren noted the remaining Fun Run budget (\$1,590) which is expected to be used for the foam party, silent disco and laser tag incentive winners. The Board determined to adjust laser tag incentive to purchase \$100 gift card for both the first and second place families.

Teacher Update (Jamie Prescott)

Thank you from the teachers!

Communications (Nicole Collins)

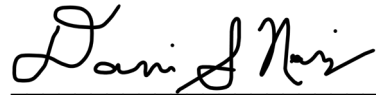
No PTO Board interest forms received to date.

AOG Update (Nicole Boros)

Nicole mentioned that a request for donations will be added to the community update.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm by Jennifer Crossett.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dani Nazemian", written over a horizontal line.

Dani Nazemian

Secretary