

Solana Ranch PTO General Meeting | MINUTES

11/14/2019 | 8:45 AM | Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

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| Meeting Called | Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox | Attendees: Michelle Strauss, Abby Fox, Jerry Jones, Angie Trembel, Roderick Gayta, Terry Arone, Danielle McCallion, Mike Roeder, Trisha Van Dillen, Loraine Lin, Leah Sicat, Jane Xu, Belinda Young, Swapna Nandipati, Laura Moscato, Alexis Merguglio, Zanette Peterson, Cheryl Hus, Iris Whelan, Shree Mandadi, Becky Hassnein, Zeina Rashid, Jenny Williams, Adrienne Suster, Julie O'Dell, Kaylynn Pfister, Amy Hsiao, Stacy Hennings, Julie Kaltgrad, Sharon Fabish, Tammy Wendt, Audra Gillespie, Melanie Laederich, Diana Wu, Iris Whelan, Bharathi Sanka, Moriel Cohen, Kinneri Shah, Estelle Chen, Swapna Nandipati Swapna Reddy, Laura Green, Alexis Marguglio, Jeannine Pearlman, Emily ?, Sarah Szekers, Nate Green |
| Type of Meeting | General Meeting | |
| Facilitator | Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox | |
| Secretary | Danielle McCallion | |
| Timekeeper | Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox | |

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda Topic Welcome | **Presenters** Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox

Meeting called to order by Michelle Strauss@ 9:00 am.

Agenda Topic Principal's Report | **Presenter** Jerry Jones

Mr. Jones thanked the Spirit Wear and Ice Cream Social chairs for a job well done. There will be a Dads' Club meeting October 28th to reimagine Dads Club events. An all school assembly will be held Wednesday 28th. Our previous assembly was attended by over 600 students. Today (October 21, 2020) at 12:15 there will be a Principal Read Aloud or Leadership Lesson on being proactive. Mr. Jones reminded parents to check weekly communication for upcoming events. There will be no Halloween Parade this year, however the kids are encouraged to dress up. Dress up days for Halloween for Cohort A will be Tuesday and Cohort B will be Friday. Colby Campbell the school counselor will hold Friday Coffee with the Counselor. Ms. Campbell creates a monthly newsletter with resources for families. Student- Parent Conference will be held during the week of November 18- 2020 via Zoom. The 5th Annual blanket drive will be starting soon to collect blankets for the homeless in San Diego. This year's goal is 100 blankets. The Annual Toy drive will be held in December. Last day to donate toys is December 12th.

The current SBSB plan is on track to return to school November 9th starting with Kindergarten-Onsite Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be offsite. There is no current plan to return all 5 days as of yet. Currently about 55% SR students onsite. SBSB is reluctant to open onsite playgrounds. Mr. Jones will look into rotating playground time. Solana Ranch is following the Superintendents recommendations regarding social distancing. When students return to school Solana Ranch is committed to keep desks 6 feet apart when possible. This is achievable in the K-2nd classrooms and they are currently assessing upper grades. To accommodate the required space furniture besides desks are being removed.

Amy Hsiao asked a question regarding cultural and racial diversity education. Mr. Jones responded that Solana Ranch's guiding principles Respect for All and Seek First to Understand are taught throughout the school year and in all grades.

He believes that our students set an example for the world with their actions. Students will be reading books with more diversity so all kids can see themselves in the books they are reading. Diversity and inclusion are woven throughout daily lessons. Mr. Jones and Mr. Gayta stated that teachers receive training meetings regarding diversity. There is a district wide group, Institutional Racism Advisory Group, to address racism.

Agenda Topic Online Scholars Report | **Presenter** Angie Tremble & Roderick Gayta

Angie Tremble- Update on Online Scholars.

Ms. Tremble thanked the PTO for their support SR online scholars through the PTO mini grant. There will be a supply distribution system in place every 2 weeks between 7:30am-5:00pm for Online Scholars to pick up supplies. The Online Scholars participated in the most recent Shake out Drill with online class. The Online Scholars are holding a mascot challenge to design a mascot which includes all 7 schools. The winning design will be announced today. An Online yearbook will be made this year. Online students can have their school picture taken after school on the days the photographer is there for the onsite kids. This year Solana Ranch will be using the I-ready assessment instead of MAPS because it better serves the children and allows for individual learning plans versus just an assessment. Online student conferences will be in November. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated along with the Onsite students. Ms. Tremble or Mr. Gayta will be updating PTO/PTA to each school every 2 weeks.

Agenda Topic Introduction of PTO Officers | **Presenter** Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox

PTO President: Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox

VP Fundraising Solana Beach Schools Foundation: Trisha Van Dillen & Lorraine Lin

Secretary: Danielle McCallion

Treasurer: Mike Roeder

Agenda Topic Teachers' Representative Report | **Presenter** Terry Arone

Thank you for all your support.

Agenda Topic Solana Beach School Foundation Report (SBSF) | **Presenters** Trisha Van Dillen & Lorraine Lin

Annual Fund Drive (AFD)- Total collected is \$71,000. This is behind where we were this time last year. SBSF understands that this may be because some families may have financial hardships. AFD goal is \$93,000. Total fundraising goal for year is \$108,000. Last year \$217,000 was raised with a goal of \$214,000. This money is used to pay for Discovery Lab teachers' salaries and supplies and PTO events. Despite the unique school year there are still same expenses.

"Donate for Discovery"- Week long push to encourage donations. There will be incentives starting November 9th for families that donate. Donate by Nov 13th and enter to win a gift card for Breakfast Republic. There will be a reward for the grade level with highest participation. This prize had not been determined yet.

Agenda Topic Program Reports | **Presenters** Michelle Strauss

Ice Cream Social Recap - Leah Sicat (Report by Michelle Strauss)

Very successful! Many families participated. The ice cream truck donated 25% of sales over \$100. The school received a check for roughly \$241. It was great to see each other at the distance.

Family Heritage Night- Jane Xu, Belinda Young & Swapna Nandipati

First meeting with chairs was held to brain storm ideas for the virtual event. Some ideas are cooking demonstrations, talent show, and pre-recorded videos. If you want to participate reach out chairs or PTO Presidents

Red Ribbon Week – Laura Moscato

This will take place during the week of October 26th. There is no tangible item this year. Each day kids to make healthy choice. The schedule will be posted on the school website and in the newsletter.

Movie Night - Alexis Marguglio & Zanette Petersen

Potential Drive-in movie

Volunteer Coordinator- Michelle Strauss & Abby Fox

Room parent meeting today directly following the PTO meeting.

Staff Appreciation – Cheryl Hsu & Iris Whelan

There are 71 SR staff, 15 are online. This year there is a reduced budget because the class fund donation to the event is eliminated. The PTO has still budgeted the same amount for the committee. The reduced budgets is because we are not collecting \$100 from each classroom from class funds. There will be a call for donation of items to augment budget.

The committee is looking into making the events COVID friendly. There may home delivery for offsite staff. There will be 2 to 3 staff appreciation events and in May there will be a Staff Appreciation week. The first event is the Wednesday during conference week. This event will include a refreshment table outside with a variety of healthy drinks and snacks. Offsite teachers will receive to go bags. There will be a request for donations from parents for this event because smaller budget. Look for a Sign-up genius to donate items. Cheryl Hsu suggested that the committee will need lots of volunteers this year to show appreciation.

Dads' Club – Shree Mandadi

Meeting October 28th 5:30pm on Zoom. The more dads involved the better. Donate for Discovery Phone-a-thon will be November 10th 5:30.

EnviroHawks- Becky Hassanein

Mr. Jones announced that there is an assessment for bottle refiling stations today. Depending on price the PTO and district can partner to install these.

Spirit Wear- Zeina Rashid

Looking into possibly having a booth at supply pick up with order forms for shirt and masks. This winter they will be selling sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Agenda Topic Other Announcements | **Presenters** Abby Fox & Michelle Strauss

All School Assembly- October 28, 2020 at 9:15am

Coffee with the Counselor- October 27, 2020 at 9:30am

Next PTO General Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 9:00am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am by Michelle Strauss and Abby Fox