



**SMS Parent Faculty Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 6 P.M.**

Attendees via Zoom - Jen Kohl, Irlanda Campos (translator), Daralyn Christensen, Audrey Nagle, Teri Stevens, Hope Tompkins, David Gracia

- **Call to order:** Jen Kohl @ 6:03 p.m.
Jennifer Kohl announced that Spanish translation was available during the meeting.
- **December Minutes were approved:** Teri Stevens motioned to approve; Hope Tompkins seconded.
- **Principal's Report**
 - Jennifer reported that prior to the holiday break, the district anticipated an increase in student absences upon return to school in 2022 due to the Omicron variant. Compared to other NVUSD middle schools, SMS numbers were better than expected with 90% attendance after the break. Normal years experienced 95% attendance. Additionally, SMS is not in crisis mode with absent teachers. Classes are being covered by subs or filled in by other SMS teachers.
 - The district office is being very clear about their Covid guidelines and SMS is doing well and the staff is being safe. The Admin Team is back, including a new Campus Supervisor, Zachariah Baker. The second Campus Supervisor was promoted, so SMS is currently down to one.
 - The students, while perhaps a little tired, were happy to be back-to-school. Star Testing will begin next week when school attendance is full.
 - Due to a NVUSD grant, there are plenty of at home Covid antigen tests available to students in the office.
- **Treasurer's Report – Audrey Nagle**
 - Currently the PFC account balance is \$52,616.84 which includes deposits in the amount of \$8,552 for the fall Family & Business Sponsorship Drive. Audrey will check in the office to see if additional checks have come in and reminded the group that we had projected to raise \$8,000 in Sponsorship dollars this year. So with the above mentioned amount already received, we've surpassed the amount which is excellent news. Banner expenses have not yet been determined, but will be reported when we have them.

- o The Last Bottle funds that were donated in the fall, earmarked for projects that help support teachers, are still available.
- o Most teachers still have funds to spend, which Jennifer will encourage them to use. Jen mentioned that in the past, teachers used these funds for online support, but the District has stepped in to provide, which accounts for the fund surplus.
- o While waiting for Daralyn to join the meeting, Jen reported that the Teacher's Holiday Luncheon, coordinated by Daralyn on behalf of the PFC, was great. Being a cold day, the soup, bread and ravioli, provided by Lawler's, was perfect and well received. When Daralyn joined, she informed the group that Lawler's donated all of the luncheon food. Many thanks Daralyn!
- **President's Report – Daralyn Christensen**
 - o Due to the increase in Covid, the PFC is being mindful of scheduling new fundraising events at this time, however due to the Fall Sponsorship Drive, financially we are in a good spot.
 - o Dine and Donate events continue to bring in revenue. Many thanks to Hope Tompkins for coordinating Ristorante Allegria's October event resulting in a donation of \$800. And to Daralyn for coordinating the upcoming March 25 event at Southside Café, and for reaching out to Hop Creek for another Dine and Donate later this spring. Additional thanks to Marta Mouriski for organizing a week-long Shop-to-Donate with Napa Bookmine, scheduled for February 14-20. Parents and kids can shop all three of the store's locations. SMS will receive 25% back from purchases made. Great news!
 - o Regarding the teacher's lounge update, Daralyn reached out to a designer friend, Lindsay, about updating the space. Lindsay dropped her design fee to \$300 for two hours, which is helpful. Due to the budget surplus from Lawler's teacher's luncheon food donation, the group agreed to work with Lindsay. Additionally, Jen will get feedback from the teachers to determine what they'd like to see incorporated into the design so meetings are beneficial for Lindsay's time.
- **New Business** - Jen reported that SMS parent Debbie Ball has volunteered to head up the 8th grade promotion decoration committee. She is also the parent of a past SMS graduate and wants to help. The group discussed reaching out for parents to help with the upcoming event in the weekly SMS newsletter. Audrey mentioned that the budget is set at \$2,500 for both the 8th grade promotion and the Aloha Party, which traditionally happens the night before in the quad. Lastly, the 8th grade field trip is still up in the air depending how Covid impacts the spring.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
- The next SMS PFC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.