

General Membership Meeting 3/2/22

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Kris Bautsch, Christine Bateman, Kate Blitzstein, Hitesh Uppal and Wendy Pekol

15 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Christine Bateman at 7:02pm.

Welcome-Christine welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

Guest Speaker-Dr. Kelly Murray, SFASD Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Innovation

- **Background Information:** Dr. Murray thanked us for the opportunity to meet with us. She has been in administration for 13-years. She's done many roles with curriculum and has been a building administrator. She started at SFASD in the fall of 2019 as the director of curriculum and instruction for about 6-months until the pandemic hit. Earlier this school year, she was given the opportunity to take on the role of assistant superintendent of teaching, learning and innovation. Her role involves overseeing curriculum, technology, professional development for our staff, federal programs/oversees the use of federal funds, teacher evaluation system, and all things academic. She has two young children. She is a working mom and discussed the challenge of balancing a career.
- **Career Path:** She lived in CA for a short bit and worked at the Los Angeles Zoo. She earned her undergraduate degree in Animal Science. She had an opportunity to work in the Educational Department and discovered her passion for education. She then worked as a high school biology teacher in Los Angeles before moving back to the east coast where family lived. She has taught at the elementary level. She has served as a building administrator. She has worked at the middle school level.
- **Core Belief:** All students can learn and no two children are alike. She enjoys spending time getting to know each student. She stated that the face of education has changed with having a shift in focus. Student and parents need to be partners in learning.
- **Questions/Comments:** Christine sang praise of Dr. Murray's videos in the beginning of Covid. Denise asked if someone filled her former position. Dr. Murray said yes someone has moved into her former position. Denise asked about Summer Rams. Dr. Murray said this will be held this summer. It was quite successful last year. It will be in-person. Finalizing plans. Tutoring programs will be offered too. This was also part of the federal funding that Dr. Murray oversees. Denise would like to know if it will be self-guiding. Dr. Murray said they are still working on that. iReady was quite expensive. Denise asked about a social/emotional learning program, wanting to know if that falls under her role. We do have this built into the curriculum, not a set program. Health and Wellness falls under her umbrella too. We need to look at the whole student. Lori jumped in and said we have a team that meets to discuss "the whole child". LES started a mentor program this year. Denise praised the running club. Luke said Limerick is awesome. Jennie said she appreciates the Clever portal. Dr. Murray stated there were some bumps with Canvas, but she's happy to hear that it was well-received. We should see expanded use of Canvas in the future. Kate wanted to know Dr. Murray's favorite animal. She enjoyed working with sea lions and chimpanzees. She has a huge fear of snakes.

Budget Review – Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Basket Raffle (\$6,731), Dine Out Nights (\$1,367.46), Fundraising (\$1,898.36), Holiday Shoppe (\$99.28),
- Expenses-Assemblies (\$310), Fall Family Fun (\$255.11), Outdoor Classroom (\$1,916.86), Staff Appreciation (\$188.28), Teacher/School Gifts (\$2,301.79)
- Payment of \$1,800 issued for the RAM, SFASD Booster Club is selling the rams. It is fiberglass.
- Check for \$1,332 provided for annual pond cleaning
- Check for \$310 issued for KG assemblies.
- Super Bowl fundraiser brought in \$1,000. We are still close to thousand less than budgeted amount.
- Holiday Shoppe brought in \$99 which is aligned with the budgeted amount of \$100.
- WAWA fundraiser was closed and brought in \$300 for Outdoor Classroom.
- We have a deficit of \$625 in membership/ opt out against budgeted amount.
- We made a few deposits and expenses in basket raffle category and will close this line next month.
- Kristy Thompson motioned to approve, seconded by Steph Huggard

January Minutes – Kate Blitzstein

- Kristy Thompson motioned to approve, seconded by Steph Huggard

Board Elections for Secretary and Treasurer

Christine discussed our need for these two roles. Kristy Thompson has offered to volunteer for secretary. She is running unopposed. Congratulations, Kristy! Welcome aboard.

We are still in need of a treasurer. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested, please get in touch with one of the current board members.

Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Christine Bateman)-It was a huge success!
- Book Fair (Wendy Pekol)-A spring Scholastic book fair will not be held this year. Lori said there might be a supply issue.
- Dine Out Nights (Steph Huggard)-First of all, our next Dine Out Night is at PJ Whelihan's in Oaks. It's on Monday, March 21st from 5pm-9pm. Dine-in and Take-out purchases will apply; however, gift card purchases will not. Secondly, if any rising 4th grade parents would like to be a part of the 5/6 Center Home and School Board, please let Steph know. She is the secretary on the board, and the board will have openings next year. She is happy to answer any questions you may have. Lastly, she wanted to mention that the basket raffle was great and all those involved should be complemented for an awesome job.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeekeh)-A Limerick mom donated her time to run the event. Zumba was awesome-A very successful event. Future events? Plan for something in April/May, maybe outside? Kate asked for photos from Zumba. Lori said there will be a field day. Fourth grade will have an end-of-year celebration.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson)-We made \$1,000 on the Super Bowl fundraiser. Targeting spring for another fundraiser, maybe Bundt cakes. Non-food, maybe Phillies tickets. Be on the lookout.
- Holiday Shop- Nothing to Report
- Kids Bingo (Christine Bateman)-We are planning to host this event on 3/25. It will be virtual.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Kris Bautsch)-The sold out Wawa hoagie coupon fundraiser should now be 100% wrapped up with all payments accounted for. The spring pond cleaning is being finalized with initial approval received. The spring fundraising planning is ongoing with potential targets including another Wawa fundraiser and (in-person event status permitting) an outdoor Spring Fling. More details TBD. We are hoping to begin some cleanup / beautification efforts within the month.
- School Store (Christine Bateman)-We hope to have something in the spring.
- Spirit Wear (Christine Bateman)-We are thinking of doing a spring event. Stay tuned.
- Staff Appreciation (Michelle Gosch)-Our recent two events were successful. In December we had a cookie bar and in February we had a taco bar. There will be two smaller events coming up with another big event in May.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein)-Things are going very well. We have sold 82 yearbooks already. We are currently asking for 4th grade dedications and K-3 love lines. The teacher/staff notes of appreciation will be coming next. Please send your pictures.

Membership Questions/Suggestions

Denise asked about 5/6 Grade Tour-Will there be an opportunity? Lori said yes. It will be more of a family event rather than a during school event.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 21st - Dine Out Night at PJ Whelihan's in Oaks (5:00pm-9:00pm).

Friday, March 25th – Kids' Bingo

Thursday, April 14th through Monday, April 18th – No School (Spring Break)

Tuesday, May 17th – No School (In-Service Day)

Monday, May 30th – No School (Memorial Day)

Next General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, June 1st (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Call to Adjourn-Jennie Jonas motioned, Seconded by Colleen Subranni. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.