



**HVPTO/HBEF Joint Board Meeting
January 21, 2020
Hermosa Valley MPR - 7:30pm**

Call to Order: 7:40pm

HVPTO REPORTS

Lisa asked for approval of the November 2019 minutes. Gail made a motion and Dana seconded the motion. All approved.

Executive Board Reports

President - Lisa Vargas Gardner

Lisa reviewed some of the PTO events that happened the past two months:

The Box Top Contest November 4-22

30 box tops were turned at Valley. There were a few more than that at View. There are not a lot of physical box tops available anymore because everything is going digital. Lisa said we will wait to see if this change will be successful. So far, it seems about 15 people were scanning receipts. Box Tops For Education is also giving incentives if people scan - like sweepstakes to earn bonus box tops points.

Valley and View had their Book Fairs December 5-11

Both fairs did well. Valley pushed up their date to December vs. spring and it was successful. The Teacher Wish list was very effective.

Veronica Gathercole, the Chair for View, had a couple great ideas. She offered Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses to get their logo on bookmarks which were handed out for free. Also she made classroom donations available online for parents who couldn't get to the book fair. Overall about \$1,000 was raised for each opportunity. There will be one more book fair in the spring at View.

Teacher Grants

The PTO used all of the Teacher grant money. The budget was \$15,000. Applications will be available in May for next year.

Special Projects

There was \$22,500 in the budget for special grants. There is now \$5,700 left.

Ms. Heath asked which school programs get automatically rolled over. Lisa said that Brain Pop and DiscoverKids get renewed. They are categorized under traditional allocations.

Secretary - Amy Schauwecker

No updates

Treasurer -Wendy Nussbaum

Wendy said she got the first district packet. They reviewed it and sent a check. She stated there was \$5,704 left in Special Projects.

Asst Treasurer- Lena Hansen

Not present

Deposit Treasurer -Karen Alexander

Not present

VP/Operations- Julie Schmirler

Julie is working on a date to transfer contents/files in the HBEF/HVPTO storage unit from upstairs to a better unit downstairs.

VP/Community Service -Courtney Shott

The Community Service Book Drive will be from February 26th - March 6th. Donations will be given to the Children's Clinic in Long Beach.

Read Across America 3/6

Courtney said the National Education Association will be rebranding REA with a new logo to promote Diversity and Inclusion. They will also still celebrate Dr. Seuss, and his birthday on March 2. Courtney is actively looking for readers for this event.

VP/Communications -Christine Shultz / Dana Miller

Christine said that Wendy is starting a 7th grade class facebook page. That is a grade that did not have one previously.

Lisa has also created a page on the HVPTO website under Helpful Stuff called Middle School Stuff. It has information about Registration/7th grade shots, Yearbook, Outdoor Ed, Service Points etc.

Gail is also collecting information for 8th grade parents regarding high school. This will be a forum for other parents to share important intel.

Christine also said there are parents who volunteered to be room parents for those teachers who don't have a traditional classroom. These teachers are Mrs. Meyers, Ms. Gill, Ms. Delk, Mr. Harrison Gemma Miller and Christine will make sure these teachers get recognition on their birthday and holidays.

Dana said there will be another YUMRaiser. It will be at Mosa Coastal on February 26th all day.

VP/Volunteers -Becky Scholten / Gail Kiely

Son Fun will be 2/12 at Mulligan's . It is being held earlier this year b/c Mulligan's is closing. PTO needs to come up with a new venue next year. Gail and Becky are looking for a shadow for Christine Tasto.

Other Reports

Superintendent - Pat Escalante

Pat Escalante wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. She gave an update on North School. A traffic management plan to mitigate traffic has been drafted. It will be presented at the joint School Board and City Council meeting on February 3rd. It will be open to public comment. Residents will have until February 28th to make comments on the draft.

The plan will be reviewed for approval in March.

Pat also stated that student drop off will be offered on the school property - parking lot. The board was able to accommodate that request. There will be other drop off options as well. There will still be 41 parking spaces in the lot per the Coastal Commission requirement.

Pat commended the Social Emotional Wellness Committee. She is so proud of the Empathy Project that was created last year. Also the Startership Class in 8th Grade is doing a fantastic job and they are doing a launch of a new book program. Caitlyn Fuller has been amazing. The goal is to give students more of a voice.

Director of Administrative Services - Kim Taylor

Kim discussed the BCHD Speaker Series. There will be some great speakers coming up.

-Tuesday, February 11th - Dr. Darin Early - "How to Create a Community that Embraces Everyone"

-Thursday, March 12th - Sarah Grippa - "Vaping in 2020: What Parents Need to Know"

-Thursday, April 30th - Alex Gray - "The Journey: What Surf Therapy Taught Me About Overcoming Adversity" in the Valley MPR

See the South Bay Families Connected Website for more details.

Kim also wanted to emphasize the importance of student attendance in school. Last year the district lost **\$450,000** in missed attendance.

Valley Assistant Principal - Ted Scott

Ted was very excited to announce the kick off to Kindness Week January 27th - 31st. They will have an assembly with the middle schoolers on Monday, January 27th at 8:25am to discuss connecting with adults. Ted Scott will ask students to write on a card who their "Person" is. This helps kids think about who they would like to rely on if they need help. It could be a teacher, librarian, administrator, coach etc.

Ted also mentioned that he went to a conference on Dec. 5th put on by the Secret Service about School safety. He was proud to say that our district has already implemented many of the key rules that are necessary for a safe school environment.

School Board Representative - Maggie Bove LaMonica

Maggie started off by asking the HVPTO about budget allocations for the new campus as it comes online. She asked how the PTO and HBEF were planning to help the schools.

Wendy explained that the PTO will be incorporating that when they begin to plan for next year's budgeting. Also, the PTO currently has money in reserve that is earmarked for the new school.

Maggie asked that people please fill out the Superintendent survey. Right now only about 32% of parents have filled it out. The board wants more participation.

There will be a special board meeting this weekend.

Also, the school board passed in the January meeting a Gun Safety storage resolution as a next measure to address the issue of gun safety with the community.

View Principal - Sylvia Gluck

Sylvia said there will be a Kinder Roundup on February 5th. It will be Part 1 for new incoming kinder parents. It will be at Valley School and she will host along with Ted Scott. Someone asked how Sylvia advertised the Roundup? Sylvia said she sent the information to every preschool in the SouthBay area. Liz Tyndorf suggested she speak with Johnathon to make sure it gets up on Facebook pages etc.

Teacher Representative - Patricia Sugden

Patricia is the 4th and 5th grade rep. The 5th Grade is reading Thief of Always. They are adding and subtracting fractions and doing Amplify in Science. 4th Grade is also doing Amplify. They are learning Geometry. Teachers are implementing Cinderstories for writing projects and also Informational Text reports. Kids are doing Thrively to assess their strengths.

Teacher Representative - Tami Heath

Tami said the Pali trip went well for the 8th graders. The weather was beautiful. There was even a little snow which all the students loved. The Catalina trip was underway this week. The departure went very smoothly. She was glad there was no rain in the forecast.

8th grade Art is working on Thrively Banners - 23 strengths.

The museum of Tolerance field trip went well.

The date for Disneyland will be March 11th. This gives students an incentive to stay in good standing during trimester 2.

Tami also discussed how she is the liaison for students who need information about high school. She directs students to look at the surf report. She also encourages them to look at the High School Websites. Tami also suggested that students be proactive and reach out to coaches about tryouts etc.

Tami would like to get involved in the 8th grade class facebook page so she can add important information. She asked that Christine add her as an administrator.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Schauwecker, HVPTO Secretary