

MINUTES

Louisa May Alcott Elementary PTA Minutes

February 17, 2021

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order by Kelly Mattingly at 5:07 p.m.

Board Member Attendees:

Kelly Mattingly, President	Femina Mildh, Vice-President
Cathy Bohnet, Secretary	Sherry Schneider, Treasurer
Crystal Milosh, Auditor	Tammy Payton, Parliamentarian
Heather Stojiljkovic, Historian	Melissa Rivera, Hospitality
Alisha Powell, Volunteer Coordinator	Steve Lewis, Principal

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting were presented for review and approval. Motion by Cathy, second by Tammy; Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy presented the January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report for review and approval on Sherry's behalf.

1. Ratification of checks. There were no checks to ratify. Only one transaction, a \$100.00 deposit, occurred during January 2021. Motion by Cathy, second by Kelly; Approved.

Upcoming Events

- Take-Out Blaze Pizza Fundraiser – Mo is Event Chair. Kelly sent fundraiser flyer out today. Online ordering available; no minimum order; 20% profit for school.
- Mrs. Fields Cookies – Alisha is Event Chair. Announcement flyer emailed to teachers/staff today. Julie to send follow-up email next week. Register orders under their company platform. Company provides prizes with breakdown of prize levels for number of items sold. Goal is to sell 360 units; shipping is free if we meet goal. If goal not met, product must be picked up in Corona, CA. One day only drive through pick up of orders at Alcott.

Volunteer Hours - Cathy collected hours on Heather's behalf. 38 volunteer hours logged for Feb. 2020.

Nomination Committee

- A few people have expressed interest in Board positions for next year: Alisha Powell (Pres.), Emma Flores (Sec. or Treas.), Elissa (unnamed position).
- Kelly sent the nomination/ volunteer letter to all teachers and them to post to their platforms. Kelly also posted to Facebook and Julie sent an email via school messenger.
- Elections need to happen in March.
- Lisa Morgan provided 6-7 names as possibilities and Kelly emailed those people; 3 people responded "no" and 4 have yet to respond.
- Mr. Lewis was asked to request PTA Board member volunteers at upcoming Town Hall mtg. He asked what seem to be barriers to getting volunteers and a discussion ensued. Barriers include

time commitment, distance learning, general lack of disinterest/involvement among parents; stigma.

- Kelly shared membership perks. Mr. Lewis suggested the Board discuss benefits of being a PTA member at the upcoming Town Hall mtg.

Membership

- Historically we have averaged about 40 members per year.
- Anyone can be a PTA member; people don't have to currently be an Alcott parent/student/staff member.
- Julie sends a monthly email reminder about joining the PTA.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Lewis expressed his 100% support of PTA and staff.
- Mr. Lewis held his first Alcott school assembly last week.
- Mr. Lewis attended the first Principal's Institute (Principals and their site Equity Team) this morning; over 600 participants attended.
- District's Calls of Action: 1) students with disabilities, 2) English Language Learners, and 3) Black youth.
- Phase 1 expansion – Begins Monday, 2/22/21. Some children are being invited back to on campus learning who meet the following eligibility requirements: foster youth, English language learners, experiencing socio-emotional needs, low grades from last year's report cards.
- A 4th/5th grade combo cohort starts next week with 14 students. They'll be supervised onsite as they attend their virtual zoom classes.
- The following week, hope to start another learning lab for primary grades.
- Mr. Lewis is working on site based budgeting. Surveys became important feedback to help decide where money will be allocated. Staff and parents expressed need to address the socio-emotional needs of students.

President's Report

- Owl Masks – No sales totals yet. Most staff have paid for/picked up their masks. Email to go out to parents advertising masks sales for remaining masks.
- Mrs. Riley's tree – The District will plant the tree (ornamental plum?) for us next week at a location to be determined.
- Kelly to order a memorial garden/stepping stone for the garden in Mrs. Riley's honor.
- Sage Garden Project - \$15,000 grant to help assess garden boxes and a fully equipped kitchen cart. They currently service 25 Zoom classes weekly. Classes are NGSS and Common Core aligned. Teachers need to be present at lessons. Teaching and gardening costs are covered by the grant. Clairemont schools are a mini pilot program for the District. Toler Elementary has been a grant recipient; can call Peggy Lewis with questions.
- Ideas for bulletin board themes needed. Alisha has color schemes to choose from and basic sketches. Ideas include: student writing/artwork; showcase school academic progress; whole body listening; nutrition; OT/PT/specialized services.
- Today is PTA Founder's Day. Kelly's Facebook posting fulfilled our notice requirement.
- Ryan Bros. Coffee fundraiser – Ended on Feb. 11th. We had about \$600 in sales and get 40% profits from sales.

- 2021-2022 Board elections will occur at the March 2021 Association meeting. Discussed need to be blunt in communication to inform attendees that the PTA will be disbanded if the three required Board positions are not filled.
- Alisha to take over Facebook page and become it's Administrator. Crystal will check to see if she has access to the page and work on becoming friends with her. Alisha/Kelly/Mr. Lewis/Chris Herndon to collaborate on the matter.

Open Table

- Scholastic Book Fair consultant contacted Femina and is pushing for an online Fair. Femina will revisit scheduling the last book fair of school year in May (if back to on campus learning).
- Question: How successful was last year's book fair? Answer: Usually a few thousand dollars profit. The virtual book fair only earned \$600 profit.
- Question: When do the Mrs. Field's cookies come? Answer: Beginning of April.
- Question: Can we do a Kona Ice drive-up fundraiser? Answer: Possibly.
- Discussed whether or not Apex Fun Run would be possible given the current Covid restriction conditions. Extremely unlikely event can be held so will need to cancel.

Next PTA Board Meeting: Tentatively scheduled March 2021.

Next General Association meeting: Tentatively scheduled March 2021.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.