

Minutes of the general meeting of the Las Lomas PTA Executive Board

February 25, 2015

A General meeting of the Las Lomas PTA was held February 25, 2015 9:06AM. Present were Helen Ungerman, Co-President; Sue Sartor, Principal; Kathy Ruwe, School Counselor; Heather Caelius, Hot Lunch Chair; Laura Purpura Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie Oren 1st VP, Sarah Chai, Treasurer, Sladana Veljkovic and Prachi Shah, Website, Jennifer Le, Secretary and several parents.

Quorum was met, and Artis Montague called the meeting to order. Jennifer Le kept the minutes. The minutes from the February 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Sue Sartor

School climate: Second Step is a program to help kids with social emotional learning. Four years ago, Principals book club was started. Kids would come to library time and Sue would read to them. Fits with Rainbow Kid and spreading Sunshine. Books come from Project Cornerstone which is a program La Entrada uses. Dealing with inclusiveness, standing up for yourself, dealing with bullies. Also have the buddy bench. All of these programs have helped a lot. The 3rd graders have had four years of all of this, so they should be well prepared to go over to La Entrada.

In the process of determining new Principal. Lisa Cesario will be meeting with staff and will be moving forward from there.

Placement process for next year was outlined in the Roar. Sue highlighted any new information for class placement would be helpful before April 15.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR- Kathy Ruwe on Second Step Program

Program has been going on four years. Skills for Learning, Empathy, How to Calm Down, Problem- Solving Steps, using developmentally appropriate pictures to talk about how to handle situations. The program ties in with the books that Sue reads and Rainbow Kids. All of posters in the classrooms are consistent for all grades. The curriculum changes per grade, but the posters stay the same for consistency. Kathy uses puppets to talk about “ Impulsive Puppy” and “Shy Snail” and the actions they take. Also “Be Calm Bunny”. The music they use is great and the kids love it. Each teacher has their own kit, parents can get a code to go online to see the progression of lessons. The program is very scientifically based.

PRESIDENT'T REPORT – Helen

No Board reports this meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT- Jennifer

There was some confusion about budget for parties. Jen will work with incoming Room Parent Coordinator to make clear the budget is \$50 per class/per year for two parties.

TREASURER'S REPORT -Sarah

Everything good. No updates.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- Maggie Oren

No board reports this meeting.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT - Laura

No Board reports this meeting

HOT LUNCH REPORT - Heather

No Board reports this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Krista

Not present.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT - Christy

Has three people for the nominating committee. Will post in Roar for volunteers.

WEBSITE REPORT-Sladana

Memory book will be \$25 and the price will go up on April 1.

NEXT MEETING/IMPORTANT DATES

April 1th General Meeting in Cano at 9:00. April meeting will be for slate for next year approved and budget for next year. April 8th meeting will have Eric Holm to talk about construction at both campuses, but primarily here.

At this time there was no further business to address. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Jennifer Le, Las Lomitas PTA Secretary