

# **Minutes of the meeting of the Las Lomas PTA Executive Board**

April 1, 2015

A meeting of the Las Lomas PTA was held April 1, 2015 9:05AM. Present were Helen Ungerman and Artis Montague, Co-President; Sue Sartor, Principal; Heather Caelius, Hot Lunch Chair; Laura Purpura Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie Oren 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Sladana Veljkovic and Prachi Shah, Website, Jennifer Le, Secretary.

Quorum was met, and Artis Montague called the meeting to order. Jennifer Le kept the minutes. The minutes from the February 25, 2015 meeting were approved.

Stop, Start and Continue:

Art appreciation will continue.

Junior Great books: Plan by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers to discontinue based on cost, common core and wish to look into others programs. (Katie read letter on their behalf). Literature does not align with common core curriculum. PTA would like teachers to look at another program that will allow the positive parts of Junior Great Books to continue. PTA wishes teachers had looked into other programs before discontinuing it since the letter references the teachers have had concerns for several years.

NewComers group: To start. Need envelope about information to connect families. Join PTA, Foundation, teacher would let room parent and add to list. The room parent send out first welcome. Jen will chair next year.

Read-A-Thon: Cheryl Cho-Phan present

Last three years about same number participants. Tried for more of a fundraising push, but didn't quite work. Parents enjoy the use of Pay Pal, but downside is that we pay .30/transaction. Banner and popcorn are enjoyed by kids. Book reviews were about same as last year. Number of kids in story time was higher than past years. Assembly was rolled out around the same time which was a great time for everyone. Suggestion when you input the minutes to have a pop up that this is a fundraiser and do you want to pay now? A couple of people are interested in running it next year. Perhaps send an email through room parents in second week for heads up about Read-A-thon.

**Guest Deborah Roden, Director of Curriculum and Instruction here to talk about LCAP:**

Funding model does not change for us. Some schools are starting to close the gap. Funding for accountability. There are 8 priorities that we must address and call out details about low income students, English learners and foster youth.

Deborah will have meetings about any input: April 6 3:00-4:00 April 8 8:00-9:00  
April 9 3:00-4:00.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Sue Sartor**

La Entrada transition begins today about 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Shannon is doing tours.

Interviews all day for Asst. Principals position tomorrow. Hopeful to have someone by April 15. Interviews for Deborah's position will be April 29.

Testing: called CASP instead of STAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are getting ready for it. School got a chrome cart so some children can take the tests in the computer lab and some from the chrome laptops from the cart. Found ipad keyboard was difficult so the chrome carts have keyboards. La Entrada has started or will be starting testing shortly.

### **TEACHER'S REPORT: Katie Gordon**

Looking forward to Appreciation luncheon. Apple for classroom still in Roar, perhaps we need to take off at this point.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Helen and Artis**

Roar: Blurb about special opportunity newsletters for special Winter bulletin for Winter camps and Summer camps for a Spring newsletter. One change is to call ski week President's week. Otherwise Board agrees with wording. Also need to change order of things in Roar: have Sue's report first, then PTA, then Foundation.

Hot Food/Green Team: Sue met with Recology and Choice Lunch at the same time. Some new laws have been passed which is why they do things the way they do. Potato wear is a long team compostable. Recology will not accept it. Recology made some great posters for the kids to see. We wont change anything this year. Change will put more in garbage. Bottom line is we still need to sort. Still need someone at first station for garbage. Might just get a recycle bin and the rest trash. Important two administrators not be tied up to this. One person each day. Propose to stop green team. Vote to release Green Team. Approved.

Jen will send out an email to everyone about general meeting and transitions from k to first. Guest Eric Holm.

Slate to Vote: see agenda. Sladana found for Lions Roar and person for website. Candidates for Volunteer Coordinator? Helen has a few names.

### **SECRETARY REPORT- Jennifer**

Nothing to report.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT –Sarah**

Not present, but let Presidents know everything good. No updates.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT- Maggie Oren**

Science assembly was great. Found laptop belongs to PTA and no longer needed. Ask Suzanne for use otherwise wipe and sell.

Maggie will head up transition from K-1 at General meeting next week.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT – Laura**

Still need volunteers for Kindergarten Roundup. Foundation Fun Run: Need volunteers.

### **HOT LUNCH REPORT – Heather**

Hot Food: Credit for serving food is used for Outreach. Ask choice lunch to set day for most popular food so keep parents predictable. Consider switching pizza to different day. Heather will see how things go with volunteer sign ups in Fall, if looking bad will consider dropping days.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Krista**

No update.

### **PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT – Christy**

See President's report.

### **WEBSITE REPORT–Sladana**

See President's report re: next year position.

### **Appreciation: MJ Crousore**

This morning we have 160 coming to luncheon on Friday. Menu is seasonal, divided into quarters. Budget is a concern. Need a few to cover playground. Plan was to see if people for First Fridays can help.

MJ will have coffee cart on Teacher Appreciation day in May.

### **NEXT MEETING/IMPORTANT DATES**

April 8 General Meeting with guest Eric Holm.

At this time there was no further business to address. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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Jennifer Le, Las Lomitas PTA Secretary