

Minutes of the General meeting of the Las Lomas PTA

August 21, 2014

A general meeting of the Las Lomas PTA Executive Board and parents of Las Lomas School was held August 21, 2014 at Las Lomas at 9:20 AM. Present there were Artis Montague and Helen Ungerman, Co-President; Sue Sartor, Principal; Heather Caelius, Hot Lunch Chair; Sladana Veljkovic Website; Sarah Chai, Treasurer; Krista Merlino, Membership Chair; Laura Purpura, Volunteer Coordinator; Maggie Oren 1st VP and Jennifer Le, Secretary. Additionally, there were over 75 parents in attendance.

Quorum was met, and Helen Ungerman called the meeting to order. Jennifer Le, kept the minutes. Minutes from August 17 meeting were reviewed and approved.

ITEM 1 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS –Lisa Cesario

Superintendent Cesario welcomed the parents. She spoke of getting involved and volunteering. Reviewing the newsletter that went out to the parents she mentioned how they are fully staffed for the new year at both schools. Additionally, they are well underway in facility planning. She discussed the purchase of a property next to Las Lomas which will give them a way to improve traffic flow and transportation issues. Updates to the facility planning can be found on the new school website. Finally, the teachers attended a week long writer's workshop to enhance the writing curriculum to align with Common Core. Communication is key and Mrs. Cesario encouraged everyone to read what they get and look at the provided links when needed.

ITEM 2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Sue Sartor

Sue first introduced Alain Camou, Vice Principal. She explained how they work very closely together and encouraged people to speak with either of them.

Mrs. Sartor then spoke of the three legged stool. She explained how the first leg of the stool represents the teachers and administrators, but that the stool cannot stand on one leg. The second leg represents the children. Finally, the third leg represents the parents. With three legs, the stool sits on a solid foundation. She looks forward to a great year ahead.

ITEM 3 FOUNDATION REPORT – Elaine McDonald and Linda McGeever

Elaine and Linda introduced themselves and put up a slide differentiating PTA/Foundation/League. They indicated there are still spots on the Foundation Board for anyone interested. They are particularly interested in parents with a background in marketing, donor events and recognition. Another slide was put up showing per child spending for each state. California is ranked 36. The

Foundation money is used to bridge the gap. The requested donation to the Foundation this year is \$2,000./per child. However, anything that your family can give that is meaningful would be appreciated. That money goes toward smaller class sizes, enhanced curriculum (i.e. PE, counselors), and education excellence.

ITEM 4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Helen Ungerman and Artis Montague

Jen Le spoke quickly to get the minutes approved and encouraged everyone to volunteer and be a room parent in their child's classroom.

Helen spoke of the PTA goal of 100% membership and asked everyone to volunteer and pay \$100 toward field trips and other PTA supported events.

Artis took everyone through the budget for 2014-2015. A motion was made and the budget for the year was approved.

They gave a huge shout out to Sladana for all of her work on the website to create an easy sign up for volunteers and membership. Additionally, they thanked Pookie Stern for her hospitality and Laura for the volunteer sign-up day.

ITEM 5 NEXT MEETING/IMPORTANT DATES

September 3 PTA Executive Board 9:00

At this time there was no further business to address. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Jennifer Le, Las Lomas PTA Secretary