

Chabot Parents Club

October 6, 2015

Minutes

October Minutes approved on Nov. 3, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:32

Members in attendance: 18

Principal Paratore, 1 teacher - Mrs. Mitchell, 5 Board Members

Welcome by Liz Hillen. Introduced Guest Speakers; from the CVUSD Board of Directors - President John Barbieri and Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. From Parent University - JoAnne Lauer

Special Guests and Reports:

- **John Barbieri, President** - spoke about the board meeting taking place on 10/7.
 - Will be looking to fill open position on the Personnel Commission. Once candidates are received, and if qualifications are passed, names will be presented to the board.
 - A survey will be discussed regarding a bond - whether to tear down/rebuild some school buildings, as many are 50+ years old. New buildings will help provide a safe environment for teaching.
 - Will discuss adopting budget development calendar for the new 15/16 year.
 - Will discuss "Footsteps to Brilliance" - an exemplary program that accelerates student achievement, opens up to the whole community regardless of age.
 - Special Board Meeting Workshop @ the District office on 10/16.
- **Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent** - has been in education for 27 years.
 - Spoke of her goals/philosophies. "Not all kids come with a fixed mindset", we must look at all programs to fit all students. We need rigorous programs that focus on the whole child. "I want us to be thinking of innovative ways about everything" be it teaching, learning, science, technology, arts, mathematics.
 - Mindset must always be "how does it impact the kids/if it's good for the children, how can we make it happen?"

- Interested in "student voice".
- Concerned about Prop 30 (initiative that will protect school and safety funding).
- Stressed how the CVUSD is in dire need of more substitute teachers.

- ❖ Question was asked (by Kelly Mogilefsky) if they are prepared for the teacher shortage that will be coming - Superintendent Ahmadi answered that they are very concerned about the teacher shortage and they have been working with universities to see how to encourage students to go into teaching.
- ❖ Kelly also urged the board to look at the budget to try to help alleviate some of the costs that, in the past, had been provided by the district, but have since fallen on the Chabot PTA.

- **JoAnne Lauer, Parent University**

- Saturday, 10/17 8:30a-12:30p/ cost \$20 per person prior to 10/10 and \$25 after.
- A Morning of Workshops for All Parents & Guardians will provide valuable information consisting of:
 - 20 different experts contribute time to help parents in "Raising our kids with emotional intelligence."
 - Choose from 20 breakout interactive workshops.
 - Childcare available - Pete's coffee/bagels available.

- **Famfest - 5k Race (also by JoAnne Lauer)**

- Saturday 10/10. Event 8-9a.
- Located at Reach Ashland Youth Center/ San Leandro.
- 3.2 mile run, walk, roll.
- Family festival - bunch of different booths.
- Coupon code 100PERCENT for free admission.
- Free t-shirt for signing up.

Principal's Report - Ms. Paratore

- Instructional Assistant took another job, so we're looking to hire another; posted the amount of hours at 12 (down from 16), which will help save money.
- Chabot teachers have teamed up to organize an after-school intervention for kids who are English language learners. Will start with 1 day a week/are currently researching which program to use.
- Chabot is purchasing 25 Chromebook computers for Primary grades - in addition to newer/faster computers, the purchase will give us back usage of the computer lab, which has long been antiquated.

- Regarding shade structure - received an estimate (via phone call) of ~\$5K for installation.

Minutes from September meeting were approved by

- First motion - Kelly Mogilefsky
- Second motion - Sarah Dempsey

Treasurer's Report

- Donations totalled \$226.76; Parent club dues totalled \$5,437.77.
- We will receive a refund for the difference in the IA hours.
- Deposit was put down for Skate Night.
- The PTA has extra funds - researching for new playground equipment. Once decided, and after the vetting process, a proposal will be made to the Parent's Club.

Event Reports

- Bingo was a success - had many past alumni volunteer; thank you to all who donated either time or prizes.
- International Walk & Roll to School Day 10/7 (Chabot participated on 10/6). Thanks to Nate Miley, children were handed backpacks with reflectors and other literature on how to get to school in an environmentally friendly way (walk/bike). Children were also able to chart a graph on how they got to school that day, and rewarded with a pencil (which they were very excited about!).

Fundraiser Reports

- Rita's Ice - profit of \$150 (the night of walk-through registration).

Budget Proposals

- Increase FAME budget by \$100 to include new Kindergarten Special Day Class (previously unaccounted for).
- Increase Teacher Reimbursement by \$160, to include new Kindergarten Special Day Class.
- Scholastic Book Fair - propose earnings from Book Fair be taken as Scholastic Dollars vs. Cash (if we take cash we receive ¼ of the value; whereas, if we take Scholastic Dollars we receive full value in the form of either books, furniture, cabinets, shelves, pencils/bookmarks etc.).

Upcoming Events

- Teacher conferences 10/13-10/15 (early release those days - 1:30p Gr. 1-5).
- Skate Night - Thursday 10/15 at Golden Skate in San Ramon.
- \$11/Admission (w/o skate rental); \$15/Admission + Skate rental (quad/inline). Also available for \$5 are “walkers” to help skaters in need of assistance.
- No School - Friday 10/16.
- No School - Friday 10/30.

Upcoming Fundraisers.

- Scentsy - offers a variety of fragrance products, including scented wickless candles and decorative ceramic warmers. Perfect for the holidays. Organized by a Chabot parent - who is donating all (20%) of her commission to Chabot.
- Olive Oil/Vinegar - made by a past Chabot family, we receive at wholesale cost. Multiple flavors of both olive oil and/or vinegar.
- See’s Candy - date TBA (near the holidays)
- Pancake Breakfast - families welcome; \$10 admission with \$5 going back to the PTA. Teachers volunteer to bus and serve. More information coming.

Special Report - Castro Valley Educational Foundation Dinner

- CVEF - a nonprofit organization that raises money for all public schools in CV.
- The CVEF Dynamic Dinner has been described as “the best social event of the year”.
- Open to the entire community - includes dinner/entertainment/dancing/raffles/live auction. All proceeds raised go back to CV teachers/students in the form of grants, that promote academic excellence.
- Friday 11/13 from 6p - 11p. Tickets are \$50.

Volunteers Needed

- Shriek-a-rama - Thursday 10/29 - a family friendly carnival is in need of volunteers. Please contact Michael Kusiak at michaelkusiak@yahoo.com if you are able.

Mrs. Mitchell spoke on behalf of all Chabot teachers, thanking the PTA for always supporting them financially.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15