

# Ainsworth PTA Meeting

August 20, 2020

8:30-9:30am

**Participants:** Andi Mukul, Natalie Willes, Vincent DiGiano, Ruth Holloran, Kathleen Joffer, Sandra Lau, Jennifer Rollins, Simone Goldfeder, Eleanor Gil-Kashiwabara, Alyssa, Matt, Andrea Tomlin, Andrew Johnson, Constanza Ocampo, Gabi Ordonez, Tracy Suzuki, Angela Bustamente-Jenkins, Jennifer Cies, Shaun Shaker, Jessica Kirkland (note-taker, [jekirkland@gmail.com](mailto:jekirkland@gmail.com) for any corrections)

## Welcome and Check-In

**Andi/Jen/All**

## Approve May/July Meeting Minutes

**Andi/Jen/All**

- January, February, April, May, July meeting minutes APPROVED
  - Natalie Willes motion, approved with no objections

## Budget 2020-21

**Vincent DiGiano**

- Budget operating with a deficit of approx. \$20k, see previous email with detailed budget
  - Reduced total budget by 40% to reflect no in school education and no community based events that would normally be funded (science fair, art fair, earth day, etc.)
    - IF in person school starts and we have need, we can find \$\$ in budget to support those events if things change
  - Projected revenue for 2020-21 school year reduced by 85% based on expected lack of community fundraising events
  - PTA has a reserve of cash to allow for the budget deficit this year
  - 55% of budget is for teachers, learning material, counselors, virtual learning grant for online or physical learning tools
  - Community outreach budget increased to support food pantry program, 40% increase over LY, but don't yet know how many families will have need so this need may change (will also use fundraising asks)

## Vote on Budget

**All Members**

- Budget APPROVED by PTA with no objections

## Back to School Information

**Andi/Rebecca**

- Info is coming from district, principals are communicating as they know things via email and Remind (texts), teacher union and district bargaining is still happening so plan is not finalized
- **ACTION:** Principals will communicate out schedule and lots more info as it comes available
- **ACTION:** Andi will send welcome letter before start of school, still in progress
- In addition to computers, are printers provided by PPS to make distance learning easier?
  - Unknown, but don't think so.
  - Parents have requested more consumables (paper) to be part of the learning program so it is not ONLY screens. Admin is evaluating feasibility.

## Communications/Room Parent

**Andrea Tomlin**

- Survey was sent out after teacher assignments to allow for families to share personal info since FERPA doesn't allow the school to make info available and Directory won't be published until November (estimate), good responses so far
- Room parents are already in progress, just a few left to place
  - **ACTION: Andrea** coordinating room parents
- Suggestion – send a PDF to families with contact info that can't access through Directory
- Using a variety of tools to communicate to reach all families: Slack, PTA Facebook page, room parent emails, News & Notes, Remind (texting), What's App, etc.
  - Communication will flex with community needs
- Equity and learning pods – concerns around it, what do we do to keep things equitable and allow everyone to be involved in the community?
  - Learning pods are not a supported PPS model, but are still happening (see Principal's email for more context)
- **ACTION: Equity** follow up meeting to be scheduled by Andi will be an open meeting for all to attend

## Community Outreach

**Jessica Kirkland**

- Creating a clothes closet on site since Marshall HS campus is closed
  - Will be in book closet in the Annex
  - More details TBD
- Weekend food bags will happen every 2 weeks instead of weekly, run out of Hayhurst parent house
  - **ACTION: Delivery** to be coordinated between **Jessica** and **Counselors/Principals** once families are identified after start of school
- No more gift cards to families during school breaks because it is not allowed under PTA rules (giving PTA \$\$ directly to individuals), instead have increased counselor budget to support families as they see fit
- **ACTION: Jessica** will create a checklist of needs/available services (like at the clothing closet) that counselors can provide to families
  - Will include food, clothing, school supplies with additional things TBD
- Sandra Lau is willing to help with outreach stuff, Eleanor tracking names (THANK YOU!)
- How to we get info out about Outreach? Many families are unaware.
  - Will be included in Welcome Letter
  - Teachers should identify possible families and share to counselors, counselors are the go between for families
    - **ACTION: Jessica** to connect with Counselors when they are back to work
  - Keep sending info about Outreach services and giving opportunities regularly via all platforms

## Fundraising Ideas

**All Members**

- Want to create a fundraising committee to do online fundraising
  - Particularly important because there are a few events that generate a lot of funds (Holiday Home Tour, Buckaroo)
    - Is there a way to leverage the nostalgia of Holiday Home Tour, Buckaroo, etc. but do something a little different?
  - Chance to reevaluate how we make \$\$ now and long term
  - **ACTION: Kathleen Joffer, Vince DiGiano, and Natalie Willes** volunteered to be on fundraising committee
  - Wreath sales still expected to happen
  - Gift wrap sales possible fundraiser along with wreaths
  - **ACTION: Keep an equity lens on all fundraising activities, how do we make it inclusive for all families, even if they can't contribute \$\$.** **ALL**
- **ACTION: Need an Eat for Ainsworth coordinator, Natalie will solicit**

## Dates for future meetings

## All Members

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month will use Google Meet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> week of month will be Executive meeting for business/financial stuff, previously were on Fridays at 1pm, but this time is TBD
  - 4<sup>th</sup> week of month should be in evening to allow for bigger participation, multiple members have requested this
  - Meeting times subject to change based on school schedule which is not yet released
  - **ACTION: Next meeting TBD, but currently scheduled for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Andi will send invite**

## Adjourn

**Next Meeting TBD (currently scheduled for Friday, September 11th at 1pm) on Google Meet**