

# Ainsworth PTA Meeting

September 10, 2021

1:00-2:00pm

**Attendees:** Andrea Mukul, Jennifer Rollins, Vincent DiGiano, Pamela Stekly, David Horowitz, Simone Goldfeder, Jessica Kirkland, Priya Dasari, Jennifer Cies, Jamie Bogdash, Lara Arlen-Weir, Vera Klebleeva, Andrew Johnson, Angela Bustamante-Jenkins

**Note for posterity:** This is the first time since March 2020 that students are full-time in-person at school. There is still a high number of COVID-19 cases in the community and everyone on campus is required to wear a mask and social distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Welcome and Introduction** – Andrea Mukul and Jennifer Rollins, co-presidents

Quorum achieved

**Budget Discussion and Approval** – Vincent DiGiano, former Treasurer

**ACTION:** Andi or Jen can you please attach revised budget??

Vincent presented 2021-22 PTA budget

- Dance-a-thon will be the primary fundraiser
- Outreach budget can be lowered due to change in the Food Bags program which will no longer be run out of the Hayhurst school. The Meals 4 Kids program will be able to service families that previously received food bags, info has been provided to schools to help eligible families sign up.
- **Motion to amend budget was made and approved.**
  - o Outreach program will be lowered to \$1,500, increase counselor's discretionary to \$2,000, make \$500 donation to Meals 4 Kids program
- **Motion to approve amended budget was made and approved.**

**Buckaroo Fundraiser/Carnival and Hispanic Heritage Event**

- Buckaroo is normally held in October as a fundraiser and community event (carnival style games, bounce houses, food, etc.). School administration and community discussed whether Buckaroo should still happen as it is a large gathering and has potential to be a COVID spreading event.
  - o Various possible alternatives for Buckaroo were discussed. **Decision made to postpone to Spring and discuss in the future.**
  - o **ACTION:** Potential Pumpkin Carving contest, Andrea will follow up with administration
  - o Note: Buckaroo is a significant part of budget (\$15K income = \$10K expenses and \$5K revenue) but if it doesn't happen, PTA is still able to fund obligations

- Hispanic Heritage event in October as a community event, same concern as Buckaroo but expected to be a smaller event with stations spread out across the campus. Considering no food options so people can remain masked.
  - o **ACTION:** Andrea to reach out to Hispanic Heritage Team to begin planning for event

**Green Space Committee Update** – Vera Klebleeva and Pamela Stekly

- 2021-22 Goals
  - o Promote use of Greenspace as an outdoor classroom
    - **ACTION:** Administration to check on getting a rain cover to allow for greenspace use year round
    - Broken supply box is being repaired
  - o Organize “Culture Meets Nature” work parties

**Next PTA Meeting:** Friday September 24th 1-2pm Virtually only