

CCA Meeting 5/24/17

Welcome to everyone by Kara Perdenza.

We have an open positions list for next year.

Administrative Update:

Thank you to everyone as CCA members for playing a critical role in volunteering and being on campus. All of the children benefit from your efforts.

LCAP and LCF funding: This is a survey coming your way. The state of CA changed the way they fund public schools. A local controlled funding formula was made. We are going to get supplemental funds and concentration funds. The choices we are supposed to make as a community are about our supplemental and concentration grant funds. We only get a supplemental grant fund, which is about \$49,000. In the past we have funded our morning and after school reading lab as well as reading intervention for the entire 3rd grade. A portion goes to paraprofessional support and a portion goes to purchase technology. The LCF formula lets us know how much we get and we create an LCAP (local control accountability plan). We make a plan and it gets approved every June. We upload it to the county website by July each year. We also started sending out a community survey. There will be 6 LCAP questions within that survey.

Any questions about how we spend supplemental funds?

Comment: Is there a need identified right now as more important than other needs?

Erin: I think budgeting is always relative. I'm a fan of the 3rd grade reading program. I think that's been an investment we're a fan of, but I understand that's just an example. This year I'd like to do something similar for math. All of our scores out pace the district and state analysis. We draw from 44 different zip codes and we look at the home schools of each zip code and compare scores. We outperform 85% of all home schools our kids would go to if they weren't enrolled here.

Michael Nazarian: Suggestion, reading class, math class, can older children volunteer to help run some of these classes?

Erin: That's an interesting way to get some 7th and 8th graders who are responsible to take that on to make it a zero cost or lower cost program. We have done reading buddy scenarios here.

Michael: Has there been a change with the education voting?

Erin: The local school board has the most potential to be impactful for us. On the national scale there hasn't been any impact specific to CHIME. Budget will get debated endlessly for the next month or so. There could be impacts from that budget. CHIME as a school, specifically, we receive almost no federal dollars. We only receive special education money and even of that, the slice of the pie that the federal government provides is exceedingly small. Our overall budget is 7.4 million for this school. The federal portion is \$365,000. Steve Zimmer was our board member and now it's Nick Melvoin. He will probably pick up right where board member Zimmer left off and I think he will be here Friday.

Laurie Berg: Are we more pro charter?

Erin: It could be. The work behind the scenes is lining up a variety of different dollars to redevelop the new campus. It will be a 12-24 month redevelopment process. We will launch at a temporary location for the high school. We are also working on program development funds and working on philanthropy.

Comment: My son's preschool was broken into and they stole computers. The same day Woodlake and Pomelo were robbed.

Erin: I have not heard about school break-ins. We aren't immune but we have certain things in place. We have video surveillance and things are locked down fairly well. Our night crew is here quite late in the evening.

Lucy: Is anyone here on the weekend?

Erin: There is. Our yard maintenance crew is here and sometimes I'm here on weekends. LAPD is doing their best to do more active patrolling around school sites. I have worked at schools with night guards and those become more things in the budget.

Michael Nazarian: Isn't there insurance?

Erin: We're insured.

Comment: There are products available where someone can actively be alerted when someone enters the school.

Erin: Our video surveillance goes to the cloud and will send a text and 3 still shots of whatever just happened along with video.

Jennifer Currier: Is the rest of the school still going to have a cohesive look to it?

Erin: We continue to try to do landscaping upgrades in the shorter term. I'd like to replace some asphalt and fix the two big squares out back. We can move from brick to stucco on the old buildings down the line. We spent all of the money on the new buildings and \$200,000 more. I think I meant if we had extra money left over I would love to update the current buildings.

Allocations: These are the customary things we've done for many years now. Music, art and library are wonderful, important and necessary gifts. This is not what we pay them, but CCA helps us do this. There are funds on the third page, which the CCA will ask you to return to the fund so we can reuse it for something else at the will of the CCA.

Proposal for the remaining funds: Built in permanent basketball hoops. It's been two years without permanent basketball hoops and we need permanent ones. We've always had a kiln, but we don't have electricity to that kiln. We need electricity hooked up. We'll need to draw power from the electrical room on the other side of campus. It's hot on the inside but not on the outside. Both art teachers are very excited about that. Also shade structures. We attend more school days in August than we do in November, December and April. There are 15 school days in August so we need some shade. We can't put a permanent structure on our property without the approval of LAUSD and the state architect. State architect won't be a problem because they're DSA approved shade structures but LAUSD might take a little longer and they might want to try to charge us money on the way for their inspection and approval. I think this is a needed allocation. I cannot guarantee it'll cost \$17,000.00 and I can't guarantee a time frame. I think the school can bear the cost of extra fees along the way.

Question: Where will the structures go?

Erin: Kindergarten yard may be one spot and I think a lunch area. We might not get both for \$17,000.00.

Jennifer Currier: Can CCA help to make calls or emails?

Erin: It's hard for me to say right now. There may be a point along the way.

Comment: I loved the bus option for the 4th grade field trip to Riley's Farm.

Erin: I hear you. We are trying to find that happy medium with the far trips, especially. We lost money on those buses. We say \$25 donation and we got about a 50% response on that.

Lucy: Some councilman's office will assist.

Erin: We can look into that. If we contact the city council, then we can try to get approval.

Proposed CCA Slate:

Kara: I'm going to go through our board and we'll vote to approve. Our Executive Board will consist of the following:

Co-presidents: Jason Bolton & Erfan Marks

Co-Vice Presidents: Melody Mooney & Suzon Nazarian

Vice President Fundraising: Jennifer Currier

Secretary: Jaclyn Mandel

Treasurers: Frank Bowen & Ellen Paige

Membership co-chairs: Anitra Rice & Devon Davidson

Immediate Past Presidents: Kara Perdenza & Diana Chulak

General Board:

Room parent coordinator: Heather Scott

Social Media Chair: Heather Mayer

CCA Website Coordinator: Theresa Kilcourse

Barn Lunch Coordinators: Stacey Heifetz, Amy Segall, Teri Celosky, Gabriela McLain

Spiritwear Co-Chairs: Lena Rottner & Carrina McLaughlin

Family Fun Nights Coordinator: Kelly Spears

Party Book co-chairs: Kathy Zadak & Julie Sitomer

Used Book Sale Chair: Molly Cooper
Art Card Coordinator: Stacy Cameron
Book Fair Chair: Jill Cady
Middle school 5k co-chairs: Jenny Arussi & Sarah Cook
Carnival Chair: Jennifer Currier
Auction Chair & Co-Chair: Laurie Berg & Jaclyn Mandel
Summer Read-A-Thon Coordinator: Lana Bolton
CHIME institute board Liason: Melody Mooney
Coffeehouse Coordinator: Filip Crispino & Suzon Nazarian
Vending Machine Coordinator: Dan Ward
Outdoor Classroom Chair: Rhonda Vittetoe & Maria Dickson
Staff Liasons: Heidi Mark (Library); Lauren Etting (K-5th Teacher); Liz Davis (6th-8th teacher)

We're going to do 4 votes tonight.

First vote is to approve the CCA slate for next year.

Any questions or comments? (No Hands)

Would anyone like to make a motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 CCA slate?

Joe Perdenza: I'll make a motion

Would someone like to second?

Parent: I'll second.

Any abstentions? (No hands)

All approved, raise hands (All hands raise)

Anyone not approve? (No hands)

Let record show our proposed slate for 2017-2018 has been voted in.

We have our board in place for next year. I just want to thank everyone for coming to these meetings.

Read-a-thon:

Lana Bolton: Read-a-thon will kick off the day after school is out. It runs through the last day of summer. If anyone wants to participate they keep a log of how many minutes they read each day and you can go out and find sponsors. The whole point is to promote reading for our kids throughout summer and the main goal is to raise money for the library. All raised money goes to the library. There are prizes at the first awards assembly. All kids who participated are honored and prizes are given out based on what they read or how much money they raised. Jason & I always donate t-shirts, dolls and bookmarks to give to the kids who raised the most/read the most.

Jason Bolton: 'Like' the read-a-thon Facebook page. You can post pictures of your kids reading. Another hint that Heidi always brings up, if kids don't track their time very well you can have them read 10 pages to you and figure out how much time has been spent by that. Heidi will send out packets soon and I'll post on the Facebook page.

Just write it on any piece of paper if you lose it. Magazines and books on tape count, too.

Kara Perdenza: The first page in your packet is all of the CCA events this year and the net money we raised. There was also annual fund, the gala and CHIME-a-palooza. These become institute money, not CCA money, even though it all trickles down to us. The barn isn't on here either. That money gets deposited directly to the music program. Does anyone have questions from the first page about our events? (No hands)

Recurring allocations is on the next page. We meet as a board and go over these allocations line by line. These are the customary things that the school asks for and we hope we can give back to them.

Question: What does this line about the play structure mean?

Kara: There are some maintenance issues that need to be taken care of.

Question: What's an Odyssey scholarship?

Kara: It's a new program anyone can sign up for that helps kids to be creative thinkers and work in teams. It's \$350 a child so we have money set aside for anyone who wants to do it that may not have the funds. That starts in 4th grade through middle school.

Question: What's history alive?

Kara: It's a middle school program that they use every year.

Erfan Marks: It's an online interactive textbook.

Michael Nazarian: What are we doing to see an increase of more parents involved?

Kara: We went to buddy days, orientations, we really sought out younger parents and started the mixers. We wanted to build community. The thing that's a challenge for CHIME is the 44 zip codes. We do morning and night meetings, but it's definitely been a challenge. We can't even get volunteers at the carnival. We can only do so much.

Heather Scott: Many people don't know what a CCA is.

Erfan: Moving meetings to 6:00pm might help.

Anitra: The biggest thing to do is recruit your friends.

Kara: We vote on what to do with our money. This year we had money that we allocated that wasn't used. This is customary. Let's vote as a community to use the \$12,000 that wasn't used last year. Does anyone have questions about any of that?

No questions:

Total net amount raised is \$89,100.00.

Subtract recurring allocations of \$77,710.00 and we are left with \$11,390.00. If we vote to put back the unused funds it would put back \$12,350.00 which would mean the total remaining funds to be allocated is \$23,740.00. We decided to use \$17,740.00 for shade structures, the two built in permanent basketball hoops for \$5,000.00 and then \$1,000.00 for the kiln electricity in the art room.

Let's first vote to put the unused funds from last year back into the CCA account to be used for the upcoming year. Does anyone have any questions or comments about that proposal?

Jennifer Currier: What happened to beautification?

Kara: We'll have gardening ongoing. Anyone want to make a motion to approve?

Michael Nazarian: I will

Kara: Would anyone like to second?

Trent: I second.

Kara: The CCA unused funds will go into the account for the upcoming year. Any questions?

No questions.

Let's move to vote. By a show of hands, all in favor. (All hands go up)

Any not in favor? (No hands)

Any abstentions? (No hands)

Let the record show that the remaining funds will be allocated toward next year.

Does anyone want to make a motion to approve the recurring allocations for upcoming school year?

Parent: I will

Kara: Would anyone like to second?

Parent: I will

Any questions or comments? (No Hands)

Let's move to vote. By a show of hands, all in favor. (Everyone raises hands)

All opposed? (No hands)

Any abstentions? (No hands)

Let the record show that we have voted on recurring allocations on next year.

We are going to vote on allocating the \$23,740.00, \$17,740.00 for the shade structures, \$5,000.00 for permanent basketball hoops and \$1,000.00 for electrical to be set up for the kiln.

Any comments about proposed allocations? (No Hands)

Motion to approve.

Melody Mooney: I approve.

Erfan: I second.

Motion on the floor is to approve proposed allocations for the year.

Final questions or comments. (None) Let's move for a vote.

All in favor by a show of hands. (All hands go up)

Any opposition? (No hands)

Any abstentions? (No hands)

We have approved our allocations!

There are many positions available for next year. Reach out to Jason or Erfan. Anything else? (No hands)

THANK YOU!