

# **Country Springs PFA September 10th 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Start: 8:15am

End: 9:54am

## **President – Rebecca Ahn**

- Please sign up for snacks!
- Need to spread the word about the 30th Anniv. celebration
- Need to spread the word about the fall fundraiser
  - Fundraiser kicked off this week
- Workroom and Duplo Training to be held for ALL new volunteers
  - need to set a date and connect with office staff so we can properly train
  - All room parents & parent volunteers must be trained so that supplies are used properly & not wasted due to lack of training.
- Staff Wall Design / overhaul
  - Julia will be helping with this project but would love additional suggestions

## **Principal – Mrs. Hyland**

- Picture day today & being held in press box; PFA meeting in room 31
- After/before school programs kicking off this week; only for grades 2nd - 6th
  - There was an overwhelming response to the classes being offered
  - Classes such as robotics, ukulele, tv production, debate/mock trials, STEM, art & photography to name a few.
  - Robotics class was most popular so it will be broken into multiple sessions at 6 weeks each
  - Mrs. Uni teaching ESL to K - 3, Mrs. Leong teaches ESL to 4th - 6th.
  - Mr. Cabral teaches math to 6th graders, Mrs. Falls teaches to 4th grade, Peduto/Hensley teaches 5th grade.
  - More classes to be added soon to fulfill demand; almost half of the school is interested.
- Music is being taught to 1st graders for the first time
  - They are using ukelele's and not recorders.
  - Ukuleles are being borrowed from Howard Cattle
  - Mrs Hyland looking to phase out the recorders & replace with ukuleles
- Still need a dance teacher for all grades, even kinder.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are the week of 9/23 - 9/27th
  - Lots to discuss with parents
    - Strikes: will not remove strike from a child's file to undermine the teachers decision & will help parents understand that a strike is meant to be a learning experience.
    - Consequences: restricting a child recess cannot be used as a form of punishment; each child has a right to 30 mins of unstructured play each day outside of lunch.
    - Plethora of damaged chromebooks already, insurance was sold until 8/31; now it is \$50 per incident to fix chromebook.

- Discussed the possibility of buying Country Springs laptop sleeve to travel with each chromebook. Roughly about 300 laptops in circulation. Will need the final number of chromebooks if PFA decides to move forward with covering the purchase of protective sleeves.
  - Teachers need to continue to reiterate the importance of safe handling.
- 6th grade police academy is same week as parent/teacher
- First MVP awards are tomorrow, 9/11 at 8am.
  - MVP awards help 1x a month
  - Teachers select 2 students who exhibit academic habits & success
  - Awards ceremony is also aligned with Dine-Out nights & trading card exchange
  - Considering adding a behavior award to acknowledge those who might not excel in academics but still deserve to be an award recipient
- Clubhouse newsletter worked on Thursdays so send any information into her before Thursday
- School site council meetings starting this week
- AMIM Funds - Arts, Music, Instructional Material Funds
  - Will be using this money for outdoor stage
- Saturday school starting in October
  - Required to have 4 Saturdays a year; being held on 10/1, 11/16, 12/7, 2/1 & 3/15.
  - Students who are absent for 3 or more days or with 3 or more tardies are sent automated messages/calls
  - Need to find a way to incentivise older grades to participate.
- Independent studies is also being offered to students who are absent for 3 or more days due to illness/vacation
  - Taught by Mrs Hensley
- Kinder drop offs
  - Need to discuss the importance of drop & go to not block traffic
  - Need to discuss the importance of saying goodbye at the gate as Kinder students are crying & causing some anxiety
  - Some parents are waiting until the gate is fully locked, as sometimes there is a delay.
  - Preschool kids (SPED class) is going in at the same time & it's often left open for them
- Fun Club gate is not always locked leaving complete access to anyone to the school after dismissal
  - Brought up challenges to the district, no resolution
  - Requested keypad access for that gate, did not get approved
  - Parents discussed the possibility of going to a board meeting to mention the issue

### **Assistant Principal – Mrs. Davies**

- Held first PBS Tier 1 meeting

- Still need parent member to join
- First trading card exchange being held on Wednesday for 1st - 6th grades
  - Possibly need parent support at exchange (3 max)
- Had her first month at Oak Ridge & took some ideas from them to implement at Country Springs
- Attendance incentives started
  - “Beat the bell” , getting to school on time everyday & they get a trading card
- GATE parent meeting on Thursday, 9/12 at 8:15am; in person & on Zoom
- Held the first ESL meeting
  - Being held 4x a year; next one in October
  - 30 parents attended
  - 9 parents were voted into committee
- English Lexia program started on M/W before school
  - 70-80 students needing ESL support this year
- Reminders for Monday morning assembly announcements to be sent in a week prior to Ms Denise

## **2nd VP - Jenn Grevenstrale**

- Fall Fundraiser, Raise Craze started on Friday, 9/6
  - Goal is 35k; looking to match last years amount of 35k
  - Raised \$6380 so far
  - Ms Rickman has 75% of her class registered
  - Ms Brod has top donations at \$750
  - 25 emails need to be sent per class, not per student
  - Hensley has 90 emails sent out for her class!
  - There will be a traveling trophy for top performing classes
  - Raffles will be held on Mon morning assembly; students will be entered once they have 5 donations
  - Jenn will need help setting up parties as her availability is changing
  - Discussed possibly sending out a flyer mentioning this \$\$ goes to field trips
  - Trying to figure out why there is low participation
    - Suggest teachers sending out a weekly Dojo message
    - Suggest giving out Dojo points for students who are actively participating
    - Need to include Kinder in next years kickoff assembly

## **4th VP - Hanh Prieto**

- First dine out night tonight 9/11 at CPK
- Think N Local fundraiser to run from October to December

## **Historian – Tiffany Schusler**

- Yearbook pictures will be gathered this year via a master QR code for parents to upload photos throughout the year.
  - Group shots are best
  - No selfies
  - Upload to correct folder with no duplicates

**Auditor - Joanna Chen**

- Concession stand sales
  - Back to School Night (see image below); earned \$200 from sales
  - After school on Thursday during Barney's ice cream (see image below)
  - Will continue to do an after school concession stand
    - Selling surplus of capri suns
    - Talked about a prepaid punch card for kids who don't bring cash
    - Need to figure out how to incorporate fun club kids too

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9/18 Concession Stand

	Ct/box	Boxes	\$ per box	Cost	Unit cost	Sale	Beginning	Ending	Sold	Cost	Income	Net
Lindy	6	4	\$1.99	\$7.96	\$0.33	\$3.00	24					
Blast Pops	12	11	\$2.49	\$27.39	\$0.21	\$2.00	109					
Chips (\$5 off)	54		\$14.89	\$0.00	\$0.28	\$1.00	35					
Oreo Cookies	40		\$7.00	\$0.00	\$0.18	\$0.50	36					
Cheez-It	45		\$14.89	\$0.00	\$0.33	\$1.00	32					
Gatorade (\$3.20 off)	28		\$13.39	\$0.00	\$0.48	\$2.00	33					
Water	40		\$5.99	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$1.00	18					
Capri-Sun (\$4.20 off)	40		\$7.79	\$0.00	\$0.19	\$1.00	64					
Welch's (\$3.80 off)	90		\$9.79	\$0.00	\$0.11	\$0.50	47					
Goldfish	45		\$12.99	\$0.00	\$0.29	\$1.00	28					

**Hospitality - Lauren Ramos, Kimberly Quintanilla and Lady Ennis**

- Update for “Pastries with Papa”; being held on 10/2/24
  - Need volunteers for the morning set up, pass out & clean up
- Date conflict for “Muffins with Mom” and 4th grade walk through on Feb 5th.
  - Discussed other dates such as: 1/22, 1/29 or 2/19

**Scholastic Book Fair – Cyndy Chowtham, Andrew Castillo**

- Book fair sign up sheet

**Room Parent Coordinators – Hana Chen, Juni Lau, Silvia Rivas**

- Lead folders and room parent envelopes were distributed,
- Emailed RP code of conduct and more supplemental files to the leads
- All classes have at least one room parent except Ms Marin's class.
- Workroom training

**Treasurer - Regina Henry**

- Annual budget is 77k for 2024-2025
- Cash balance at 40k as of 9/10/2024
- Taking 5k from surplus for new risers
- Bjs dine out night was a hit; brought in \$1,419
- Spirit sale from B2S night was \$6250
- Concession stand brought in \$293
- Setting a deadline for reimbursements for 1/6/2025