

Mar Vista Elementary School
Mar Vista Parent Club Meeting
October 18, 2016

Meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m.; meeting concluded at 7:56 p.m.

Present: Christine A., Vicki S., Kierstin T., Nehal P., Brittney D., Adriana B., Rich D., Cat B., Kelli M.
Absent: none
Guests: Teresa H., Tricia A., Ana M., Alicia M., Wendy S., Erin T., Diego, Janna (from Curves)

1. Welcome / Intro / Public comment
 - Kelli mentions that she spoke with the teachers about attending more school/community events, and the feedback was that some of the teachers are concerned that some parents want to turn the conversation into conferences about their child/student.
2. Review September 2016 meeting minutes –
 - Vicki moves. Kierstin seconds.
 - *Vote:* Yes: 9
No: 0
3. Curves proposal (Janna)
 - Curves will donate \$25 to Mar Vista for the first five people (parent/staff of MV) who join. After that the first 5 people, Curves will donate \$50 per person. People can try 3 free classes first. Curves is also open to discussion about other possibilities.
4. Harvest festival update (Kierstin)
 - Everything is almost all planned out. The most pressing need is to get classroom volunteers to sign up for booths. We might be able to get HS students as volunteers to help out, but Kierstin is still waiting to hear. Ana will make signs to alert people about the availability of swag for sale. Nehal will be there to promote Direct Ask. Brittney, Tricia, Nehal, Teresa all to pitch in with swag sales.
5. Screenagers update (Kierstin)
 - Cinelux does not do fundraisers, so Kierstin is scouting other venues. Nehal to give Kierstin contact information of a parent who has a connection with Cabrillo to see about using their auditorium. We need a 4-week lead in before the date of screening.
6. Math tutor update (Michael, Rich)
 - Plan on doing afterschool intervention-type program from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 4-6 grade teachers have already pinpointed which children should take advantage of the program. Rich will reach out to the parents of those children to discuss transportation.
 - Sarah Reed, the head of math at New Brighton, will be the curriculum designer to talk about the best approach

- Plan to start this 6 or 8 week program on Tuesday, November 1.
- 7. Drive for Schools update (Tricia)
 - raised \$16,065
- 8. Ms Ryan and students' gift (Vicki)
 - Proposal to buy a gift for Ms Ryan and her students to recognize their cooperation and patience in having to move classrooms twice within the first 2 months of school. Vote to spend approximately \$120 to buy gift certificate to Shadowbrook or Chianti for Ms Ryn, and Its-It bars for the students.
 - Yes: 9*
 - No: 0*
- 9. Ms Walker and new teachers discretionary fund
 - As per last month's discussion, MVP funds should be requested before teachers spend the money. Any money spent in excess of the discretionary funds will be drawn from that teacher's reserves, and/or show a negative balance. Because several fundraisers include a percentage to go back to the teacher, every teacher has the opportunity raise more funds for their classroom use.
 - Yes: 9*
 - No: 0*
- 10. Communications options
 - District has policy that schools cannot use robo-dialer unless it's an emergency. Rich no longer is sending paper copies of newsletters. Several parents expressed lack of notification/communication
 - Suggestion to use remind.com or konstella.com
 - Send out reminders to parents about signing up for FB page and yahoo listserv. Poke room parents about communicating with their classes.
- 11. Principal's report (Rich)
 - Remind parents to take the Bright Bytes survey. Parent conferences coming up in November.
- 12. Treasurer's report (Cat)
 - Request for funds: Risa is requesting funds to buy social studies weekly magazines. It will deplete the percentage she earned from Drive for Schools. Her discretionary fund is almost zero. Discussion about our recent policy that teachers should use all of their discretionary fund before asking MVP for more funds. Approve funds?
 - Yes: 1*
 - No: 4*
 - Abstain: 4*
 - Suggestion to buy a new cash box that will hold change, and not just bills. Cat to research.
- 13. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00