

PTC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024 @ 7:00PM

Attendees

- X Dr. Renee Mallot, Principal
- X Erin Shoemake, Teacher Rep
- X Nancy Erwin, Teacher Rep (not in attendance)
- X Laurel Plewe, President
- X Mike Roe, Treasurer
- X Emily Orloff, VP Communications
- X Rebecca Clark, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Janelle Harris, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Andi McKinney, Secretary
- X Shannon Alexander, 2024 - 2026 PTC President

Agenda Items

I. Treasurer Report Out (Mike)

- a. Mike reported on the balance of the accounts.

ACCOUNT	4/15/2024	5/14/2024
Checking	\$77,397.95	\$71,069.16
Savings	\$58,723.31	\$58,724.32
TOTAL	\$136,121.26	\$129,793.48

- b. Any remaining Teacher / Room Parent Reimbursements should be turned in.

II. President Report Out (Laurel)

- a. End of Year Review
 - i. Fundraising went great this year.
 - ii. Collectively we all worked well together and felt supported. For the most part all feedback has been positive.
- b. Feedback on Past Events
 - i. Golf was a great turnout, was well received to have a heavy app cocktail hour instead of a dinner.
 - ii. There were some teacher tickets that were purchased to attend the cocktail hour, but the notification was sent out late.

- iii. Teacher / Staff Appreciation week was so appreciated; everyone was recognized and they all loved the treats. Food allergies and sensitivities are done better by some restaurants than others, so tried to give options that were allergy friendly. Teachers would appreciate the food to be labeled; Mrs. Alexander can help with this for next year. The support staff were so excited to be recognized and felt so special.
- c. Planning Details for Upcoming Events
 - i. Volunteers Needed for Next School Year
 - 1. The Volunteer coordinator position is still in need of being filled by someone or co-chair with a friend.
 - 2. Book Fair - need a co-chair to team with Mrs. Shedd for the book fair. We raised about \$16,000 in the book fair, we received about \$5500 in profit and \$1500 in scholastic book fair credit. Suggestion is to reduce the length of time of the book fair next year.
 - 3. Emily will make a QR code to post on dojo to link to the PTC 2024-2025 Team sign-up genius.
 - ii. Color Run
 - 1. Color Run is May 17th, and will be a fun event to wrap up the school year.
 - 2. Sunglasses will be provided to the students.
 - iii. Back to School Night
 - 1. Communicate at back to school night that DoJo will be used as primary form of communication even for teachers that don't use it will still get Dr. Mallot messages and PTC messages.
 - 2. Idea to have a resource officer at back to school night to explain how they are on campus periodically so parents understand why they are on campus.
 - iv. Security
 - 1. There are 5 school resource officers that rotate through the schools in the county.

IV. VP Fundraising Report Out (Rebecca / Janelle)

- a. Excited for Renata to take on the role next year.
- b. Gala date is Nov. 16
- c. Fall Festival date is Sept 21
- d. Need to figure out dates for Dolphin Drive in the Spring 2025

IV. Communications Report Out (Emily)

- a. Means of communication is always a constant discussion on how best to communicate.
- b. Next school year, PTC will have an account on DoJo that can be used as a form of communication.

V. Secretary Report Out (Andi)

- a. Nothing to report out.

VI. Teacher Report Out (Erin / Nancy)

- a. First, thank you so much for all the volunteers for decorating all of our doors and making signs for all staff for Staff Appreciation week. Every door and staff member was represented. The inclusivity of the week was so appreciated. The theme was so fun and artistic. We loved the treats, flowers and coffees!
- b. Also, we appreciate the support our classrooms received for teacher funds and support for the room parents to support parties and celebrations.
- c. See summary below.

TK / K

- We loved performing our 3 Piggy Opera and this month we are doing our end of T.K. Assessments and then practicing for our “Ready for Kindergarten” celebration. We will join with Kindergarten for our end of year party and water play.

Kindergarten

- Kindergarten enjoyed our egg hatching and we successfully hatched chicks for Open House. We also observed butterflies emerging! We studied exoskeletons and much of our Open House was about insects! Next, we will study wild animals and hear each student report on a chosen animal represented by bringing in a stuffed animal and discussing their habitats, diet, behaviors and appearances for science. We begin practicing for our End of the Year Celebration by singing songs and making a keepsake book, “What a Wonderful World.” We will finish our assessments this week with our “Show What you Know” strategies.
- We also enjoyed meeting our incoming Kindergarten students for 2024-2025 with our Kindergarten Readiness Day where each student showed us what they knew for next year’s classes. We look forward to combining our party and water play with all Kindergarten students and T.K. Having fun stations all together.

1st Grade

- We just finished our Rain Forest unit with reports and presentations. Each student created a “Me” book to practice being an author and illustrator. We are completing assessments and looking forward to our Field Day next week.

2nd grade

- Second grade went on their annual Safeway field trip last week. The students love seeing the inner workings of the store and receiving the goodies from each department. Our tour guide, Taylor, was wonderful with the children as usual. This trip supports our ELA and social studies reading about how food gets to our tables. We have another field trip to Viscuzo’s pizza restaurant next week. This trip supports our study of fractions in math and our ELA reading about the process of how a pizza box is made. Fun!

3rd grade

- We are completing Charlotte's web study and ready to release all of our butterflies that paired with our Twig science units. SBAC testing was the focus and we are completed with all of the state testing! We enjoyed seeing all of the families at Open House. This next week is a wrap with our academic tasks!

4th grade

- We just had our field day and the kids had a great time. We had many participants in the County Spelling Bee too. We have been busy with SBAC testing. We concluded math groups today. Next week, we will enjoy class parties. Coloma and A Touch of Understanding experiences are scheduled for next year already.

5th grade

- 5th graders visited the Placerville Courthouse and put on a mock trial as the culminating activity for Project Lead last week. They learned a lot about the court system and consequences for choices made. We also visited River Bend Outdoor Education Site on 4/23 for a great nature hike field trip learning about the watershed and local ecology. Splash in the Classroom will visit 5th grade classes on May 20 for more local watershed learning—how to not pollute our waterways. We finished up state testing in Math, ELA, and science. Tuesday is the pool party field trip. Wednesday, May 22 is our farewell assembly from 9:15-9:45 with a field day in the afternoon. All 5th graders will be walked out during our "Clap Out" at the end of the day on the final day of school. They get to be the first to leave and end this school year.

Library

- Book Fair update, our sales were amazing:) I am still working on the #'s for our profits. We made more than last year's Spring Book fair. Would like to get a Book Fair co-host for next year's Fall and Spring Book Fairs. The job is easy, if you have anyone in mind, please send them my way, and I can go over the job:) Thank you to Andi McKinney for getting all of the Book fair volunteers. They were all so helpful. I am trying to get all the Library Books that have been checked out to students returned. The first class that has them all returned will receive a Popsicle party. There will be one party for TK - 3rd grade, and one for 4th and 5th grade. All Library books need to be turned in for the class.

Counselor

- Today we are having our Peace Patrol Popsicle Party to say thank you to all of the 4th and 5th grade students who have helped our younger students with conflict management and/or helped as a "Friend Finder" to someone who might need help finding an activity or a friend to play with during recess. All of the counseling small groups have ended for this school year (ie, Friendship Group, Surfers Group and Worry Warriors). I am going into the classrooms for our last SEL lessons for the year. For the younger students, I introduced the Zones of Regulation (Green, Yellow, Red and Blue) as a way to understand the different emotions and how knowing what zone you are in can help you to find coping strategies to get to back to the "Green Zone" (which is the zone where we feel the most regulated). For the upper grade students, I am going to do an end of the year game show. This is a fun, interactive,

community building game to celebrate the end of the school year.

Garden

- The Garden looks absolutely amazing!! Many students worked endless hours to get the garden in tip top shape for our Open House. We finished planting all Spring/Summer veggies, added a new strawberry patch area with pathways, and a new Fairy Garden!! Thank you Mr. Grupp for making the Fairy Houses!! They are adorable and the students love them.
- I am working with Dana Bayliss to hopefully bring a Garden Summer Camp to the LF Garden! Details to follow.
- Please encourage teachers to tour the garden with their students and check out my darling classroom in F-1. The Hydroponic plants are getting huge. Almost ready for a harvest!!

Thank you PTC for all your support in our school garden.

LIP

- LIP ended April 30 we saw improvement with all students. LIP teachers Ms Stone and Ms Stephanie stayed on to complete ELPAC testing.

Math Intervention

- Math groups will come to an end on May 16th. Our math warm up this month has been a “would you rather math question” as a fun way to build and increase number sense. The students have been practicing math talk and explaining their thinking while answering the prompt. This last week we will be reviewing math concepts and celebrating progress students have made this last trimester. I will also be gathering student feedback on their math group experience and math mindset.

Art Specialist

- The families and students loved the art walk in the gym for Open House. Thank you for supporting art class for all students.

Science

- Science needs 2L empty soda bottles for bottle rockets

Physical Education

- Fastest class challenge for May this week.

VIII. Principal Report Out (Renee Mallot)

- a. Beautification - Lora presented ideas for the blacktop area on campus.
 - i. Some ideas include add color on the blacktop on campus; color the four square, add color to the hopscotch, sensory walk, color on the wall ball, additional murals, etc.

- ii. \$10,750 is budgeted for beautification for this year.
 - iii. An idea could be families could adopt an area and take on that section of campus. Ideally design a master plan in a grid area to focus on one part at a time.
 - iv. **Janelle** will take the lead on doing a focus group to interview key staff for feedback and compile the ideas.
- b. An option will be provided to families to purchase teacher supply lists as a package that is delivered to your house. Will offer the purchase of a package as an option, just need the teacher supply list updated.
- c. Prop 28 update - Dr. Mallot connected with EDMT and a dance program will be implemented next school year for all grade levels. The dance program will run from the middle of October through December. Christine and instructor named Kelly will lead the program. The theme will be Disney. Each grade level will learn a dance and then will perform at the end in December.
- d. Elementary music teacher was hired, Hannah Sobelman, who is getting her masters in music and is a previous Lake Forest graduate. She is going to do the program at 4 of our school sites.
- e. Plan is to apply Prop 28 funds toward Lana's art supplies.
- f. April 25th was the Unified Basketball Tournament. It was amazing to see how the event turned out. Will do soccer in the Fall and Basketball again next spring. Will look into doing the soccer / basketball outside instead of inside the gym to allow for more students to observe.
- g. The science night was a hit. One family brought their beehive. An idea is to bring a bug station next year; kids love bugs! Rachelle has a contact that is a brain doctor that goes to schools to present to students. Rachelle will reach out for next school year.
- h. Open House was a great turnout, so many families came. The art walk was amazing and families appreciated seeing all the art on display.
- i. **Laurel** will give Lana a heads up for the Gala in November so there will be some artwork to auction off at the Gala as it was so cool this year!
- j. Our school has partnered with Hands-4-Hope for a summer food drive.
- k. Yearbooks will be passed out next week.
- l. Reflection on the Year
 - a. PTC meetings have had really low attendance.
 - b. Maybe brainstorm ideas to encourage people to attend, like a potluck or have a raffle at PTC meetings with a prize towards the next upcoming PTC event.
 - c. An idea could be to hold the meeting at some of our local restaurants (i.e. Viscuos) and tie it in with a dine-out event.
 - d. Enrichment has had low participation - most people signed up for specific class that was offered that interested them, but many said they are involved in sports which creates busy schedules.

