



WAGNER RANCH PARENTS CLUB

A PLACE for EVERYONE

WRPC Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2019

Attendees:

Guest Speakers:

Brian Clark	Michelle Swaney	Alexandria Feldman	Krista Mahlberg
Chadni Rathod	Christine Chalmers		

Board Members:

Jill Gibson	Jim Manheimer	Kelly Rafferty	Meighan Baldwin
Susan Son	Christine Browne	Portia Meneau	Brittany Simmons
Ari Hatton	Jenny Mathews	Rachel Palmer	

Call to order: 1:01PM

Action Items:

-Vote on the cart for the lunch cards – easier to use. Cost will be \$11662.00.

-Motion approved.

-Green Team Budget Request 140 kids have signed up to be on the Green Team \$2000 request. Hats, and a pizza party.

-Motion approved.

-Bandit building is now 17 years old & the OUSD director of facilities is proposing that we replace the building. This would be a costly expense for the school. It can be replaced with a Gen 7 building that would last for 75 years. Motion to start with an inspection of the current Bandit building.

-Motion approved.

-Funding request: Classroom Walkie Talkies: \$38.00 x 25 = \$950.00.

-Motion approved.

Guest Speakers:

Brian Clark, Michelle Swaney, and Alexandria Feldman

-The “Wait until 8th” pledge asks that parents hold off on giving kids smart phones until 8th grade. Some kids are getting phones in 4th and 5th grade. This issue comes up a lot in this community. If we can have an organization take it on and make this a community effort parents will gladly sign up. We need a way to reach the parents regarding this issue. We have to anticipate the issues. Perhaps we can have designated parents who are available to make

phone calls at events or sports practices and games. We can change the need to have a smart phone into more of a want. When parents know that not everyone has one it will work well. When they get older and need a phone can check out a “loaner” phone from their parents on an as needed basis.

Children should get a flip phone first. They won't be able to manage their social life online. We want to create almost a social pressure to NOT give your kids a phone.

Michelle: This is a big issue. Wait until 8th pledge started online, and everyone can sign up online. It's a pledge to wait until 8th grade for kids to get a SMART phone. This is one concrete thing that we can do. We need to have local accountability. We want to get as many people involved as possible. We can include it in the newsletter and have parents sign up at Jumpstart. Once we get 10 parents from the grade of your student you will get an email confirming that the pledge is active.

Boys are gaming, girls are chatting – this is already a problem in elementary school. You might think you're doing them a favor by giving them a phone but there is NO benefit for the child to have a smart phone. We don't want to have “screenagers”. The kids don't need it – it's the parents who like to have the security to contact them. Parents need to find reasons to NOT give a cell phone. It needs to get out to the other schools in our district.

It would be a great education night.

Scholastic Book Fair Report

Christine Chalmers & Chadni Rathod

- PTA can expect to bring in about \$19,600 in total sales.
 - Scholastic sent a better selection and better materials
 - There was 50% more business at the Thursday night party.
 - The Book Fair committee is asking for any Ideas for next year.
 - Should there be food at the party?
- Another additional option is the Follett efaire option? 50% goes directly to the library.

Principal's Report:

Jim Manheimer

- Site council had first meeting
- Intervention: started in full this week
- Summit Counseling: Susan Ryan will come Thursdays once a week. 100% of parents are on board.
- Kid Power: contract allows for 2 parent education nights. One will occur February 4th in lieu of parent ed on Jan 23. Most likely will be in the library.
 - CPA Child Protection for Adults (ADULTS only)
 - KPS: Kidpower Safety Workshop (kids and adults)
- School lets all staff know who the medically at-risk students are.
- Great California Shake-out will be October 17 (Thursday) 10:18 in the morning.

- Play Auditions have already happened. The play performance is sharing space in the fall with gymnastics.
 - Book Fair was phenomenal!
 - New Handbook: it has been completely redone. It has been reinvented and will be available on the WR website.
 - EBMud will be doing many big projects over the next few years that could significantly impact the safety and road wear.
 - Staffing: We have Tandra Ericson for our Special Day Class (SDC) she is on staff now.
 - Facilities: grounds are in good shape.
 - Small fire code upgrades have been made.
 - Upper grade playground is going ahead. A planning committee is being formed and the playground will be designed around the physiological needs of the kids.
 - Grade 5 pool party Rev Track – these are not school parties. This is not a school event so the school will not be held liable for these events. Don't use Rev Track for the 5th grade party.
 - Funding request: Classroom Walkie Talkies: \$38.00 x 25 = \$950.00
- Upcoming events: Movie night tonight.
- October 14, OUSD Professional Development. Anti-defamation league. Afternoon spent on science instruction.

President's Report:

Jill Gibson and Kelly Kiang

- WRPC Bandit Bash ticket sales are already ahead of projected numbers.
- Suggesting additional kindness days – kindness week is the first week of November.

ONE Steering Committee Update

Meighan Baldwin

- The steering committee meets weekly on Wednesdays.
- The committee wants more people to know that this is happening and hoping more people in the community are reading and following the progress. People want to know that things are happening and are moving forward. They are looking for a PR person.
- Where Orinda really falls short is our endowment – our savings plan. We are pooling all of our resources together. It is going to be very different from the current system in Lafayette. We need to have more fluidity and flexibility to get things done.
- There will be just one donate button. You are donating for the educational experience of your child in Orinda.

Officer's Reports

VP Family Connections

Ari Hatton

- Stickers & small shirts are still available.
- Trivia night or a scavenger hunt possible ideas for the next event.

VP Operations

Jenny Mathews

- 200 kids average at Bandit during parent conference week.
- Enrichment class-working on finding space for enrichment and working on finding space for Spanish.
- Perhaps we need more space for these enrichments.

Treasurer

Christine Brown

- \$750 approved by the board for an accountant.

VP Communications

Susan son

VP Fundraising

Portia Meneau & Kelly Rafferty

Volunteer Coordinators

Brittany Simmons & Amy Mourelatos

General Meeting Notes

- We need to discuss the traffic & safety issue with EBMud. Their trucks are causing a safety hazard for our children walking and biking to school.
- There is also a concern about the wear and tear on the road above the school that is causing the hill to slide.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00pm