

**PAUL REVERE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PRIDE/PTSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2016**

**Attendees:** Mary Wlodek, Jane Zahn, Carlyn Falls, Behnaz Naeim, Lee Trask, Liya Gorozhankina, Melanie Speiser, Moye Thompson, Ashley Halverson, Jill Calcaterra, Ruth Atkinson, Maryam Zar, Hema Anwar, Zhila Ross, Rachel Berman, Daphne Gronich

**Guests:** Kim Greene-Williams, Sara Collins, Keri Kraft,

**8:05 – Meeting called to order**

**Approval** of February 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes – Lee moved to approve, Moye seconded, 100% in favor.

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**Charter Council** – Behnaz Naeim

- Rekeying – A staff member lost keys and LAUSD wants to rekey school. Projected cost is \$70,000, paid out of PRCMS’s allocation.
  - Charter Council approved Ms. Cronin’s \$755 budget request for choir students to attend a music festival.
    - Festival is in PRIDE’s approved 2015-16 budget. Mary will inform Ms. Cronin.
  - Traffic Committee – Interested in implementing the app “Ride Amigos” for PRMS families to connect with each other for ride sharing.
    - Company presented to Traffic Committee.
    - Committee wants to launch in April-ish, with focus for next year:
    - Communicate app via link on home page, Jupiter Grades, Registration, Room Parent Email Chain, Ready-Set-Revere.
    - PRIDE/PTSA’s concerns about Opt Out – privacy issues.
      - Would families opt in or opt out?
      - Would PRMS provide everyone’s information to be loaded?
      - What’s the cost and who pays for it?
  - Traffic Committee has organized more private buses for next year: 2 from Holmby, 1 from Palisades Highlands.
  - MEMBEAN vocabulary software: Mr. Slavin wants to purchase a license to use for his 135 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost is \$900+/- for one year – Behnaz asked why not get same deal for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Ruth’s daughter used at her school.
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**PTSA:**

**President’s Report** – Jane Zahn

- Fun Run – March 30

**Campus Beautification** – Lee Trask

- Campus Clean Up
  - Campus Cleanup – March 12 – only way to get it done consistently is to have Terri from Teryl Design lead it. She is a parent. Get kids involved in cleanup. 40 signed up for Saturday. Terri will have maps – will take volunteers to stations at sign in. Her crew will be delegated to the heavy stuff (pruning, etc). Hopefully, the campus will look much better a year from now.
  - Tools \$310 – brooms, loppers, work gloves – don’t need to vote – Fun Run money available. Lori purchase and get reimbursed.

- Ongoing Landscaping – LAUSD had promised a crew 3 days/week. Now, only James (Plant Manager?) 8 hours week. Plans are to cut down on lot of vegetation.
  - Teryl Landscaping – \$395/week for 4 guys to spend 6 hours (\$16.50/hour. Two days during Spring break to get started. Would love to get them 2x/month.
  - Teryl’s application turned down – Napoli said problem with insurance paperwork. Doesn’t sound logical. Tom thinks it might open the hornet’s nest to bring it up.
  - \$1200 for March, then 1x/month. Fun Run money can be used through the end of June.

**Treasurers’ Report** – Liya Gorozhankina & Melanie Speiser

- End of Feb – no significant changes
- Expenses – at 50% for year. Big check will be cut in May to fund Nurse for next year.
- PRIDE will give 50% of golf money to PTSA once 2<sup>nd</sup> check received from PGA.

**Health & Safety** – Moye Thompson

- All classrooms have their supplies

**Founders Day** – Sara Collins

- At end of school year.
- Sara recycling Pali High auction decorations – Bollywood Theme.

**Teachers Appreciation Week** – Rachel Berman

- Early May.
- \$500/day is budgeted– repeat last year’s agenda; the teachers loved it.

**PRIDE:**

**President’s Report** – Mary Wlodek

- Spirit Series Budget Request – PRIDE and PRMS have been splitting the cost of the 2 sessions each year. PRMS has asked PRIDE to pay for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session this year, which already took place.
  - Concerns:
    - Is this a 1x request, or will it be a requested next year?
    - \$27,000 for a program for 700 students (6<sup>th</sup> graders) is a lot given the size of PRIDE’s budget.
    - Some board members expressed they heard that many students don’t think Spirit Series is valuable.
    - Is this how the teachers want us to spend our money?
    - For next year – PRMS needs to assess options and alternative providers.
    - Mary to get more info from Mr. Iannucci.
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- Orchestra Budget Request for instruments
  - \$8,400 requested last October for 6 instruments (\$5,800), cases (\$1,400) and shelving (\$1,200).
  - Funded 1 double bass with case in November 2015 (\$931), reducing the remaining request to \$6,800.
  - Because the need wasn’t imminent, decided to write the PPWC grant for instruments. PPWC did not make an award to PRIDE.
  - Optimist Grant – Daphne to write for instruments. Daphne clarifying needs.

- Melanie moved to approve up to \$7,000 for Orchestra instruments; Ruth seconded; 100% in favor.
- Choir robes / table cloths cleaning (Sara Collins)
  - Vendor to offer 50% off retail price, instead of free, next year.
- PRIDE / PTSA Board for 2016-17
  - Keri recruiting from elementary the schools.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade head room parents are committed

**Treasurer's Report** – Ashley Halverson

- PRMS & Pali High did not get any funds from the LAUSD technology grant. Check with Lillian re: LAUSD grant – did it hurt that PHS is not affiliated?
- PGA Tour – Parking contract expired this year. Mr. Iannucci is leading discussions with PGA.

**Fundraising** – Jill Calcaterra

- Business Banner Program
  - Had to move from the Sunset facing fence, which has hurt sales. Verbal agreement between Fern and Mandeville Canyon. Need to be good neighbors.
  - Horusicky re-upped. Moving the banners around campus to maximize exposure.
  - Banner designs should be consistent – like at Pali Elem and Marquez.
- Auction – Keri working to fill positions. Nancy and Keri will oversee it. Maybe Cathy Gardener will take it on. Reaching out to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

**Special Projects** – Zhila Ross

- Front office furniture/make-over.
  - Joy met with Ana – went over needs. Came up with lots of ideas with a rough budget of \$6,245.
  - Joy will come up with a design based on budget and Ana, Lori and Zhila's.
  - Behnaz moved to approve \$6,000 to spend on the front office makeover; Melanie 2<sup>nd</sup>, 100% approved.

**Curriculum / Student Services** – Behnaz Naeim

- Math Pathway – Met with Jeff at Pali High. Mr. Shibata has the plan. Present at April Parent Meeting.
- Literary Anthology –
  - Mr. Wechsler to do layout – PRIDE paying him \$1,000.
  - Volunteer work starts after invitations go out.
  - Undecided whether or not to have parents RSVP. About 250 people attended last year with RSVP effort – same in prior years without the RSVP.
  - Providing pizza, water. Parents bring dessert.
  - Need extra hand for trash. Edwin?
  - Daphne to invite Mason's and Optimist grantors.

**Outreach** – Ruth Atkinson

- Ready-Set-Revere – in process.

**Communications** – Maryam Zar

- Liz Camford and Pamela Bunn taking over Communications next year.

**Magnet** – Kim Greene-Williams

- Trying to create consistent communication with families.
  - Had tried to launch \$100/kid donation program, but it got stalled with Mr. Hubbard's departure.
  - Working with Ms. Mabashov to plan for next year.
  - Page Museum Field Trip – Had to cancel; fortunately got \$2500 deposit rolled over for next year.
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**Next Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, March 16 @ 7:45

- Ms. Flenaugh – English Curriculum
- Caruso approached us to speak about safety – rather than agree freely, ask them to donate money!

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12 @ 7:45

*10:13 adjourned.*