

The Community Building committee is chaired by Margot Farris who could not be at this meeting. The goal of this committee is to create opportunities for parents to meet each other, each other's kids and become more involved in the greater community. The planned activities for this year are (a) to coordinate a Meet the Parents night for each class during the fall. This would be a dinner/park date hosted by a parent in each class; (b) Facilitate the sponsoring of a charity that the children can get involved in. The school's suggested charity is Rancho Los Amigos, a hospital that specializes in children with mobility issues; (c) Host an International Day for the spring. This would be held at a park with parents hosting booths on different countries. All children and parents from the school would be invited.

(5) Parent Education - Shara Montana

The main event for the fall is a series of Montessori Nights to be held on 3 Tuesdays in October. Donna von Tolsma, the principal for the PV campus will lead the discussion. Each night will discuss a different aspect of Montessori. The committee also is planning Special Topic nights that will be part of several PTO meetings throughout the year.

(6) Fund Raising - Sandra Essex / Debbie Sullivan

The PTO's main fund raiser is Scrip. This allows people to purchase certificates for use at many stores in the area. A percentage of this certificate goes to the school at no additional cost to the purchaser. A small percentage of parents participate (about 11-20) yet it is raising about \$125/week.

The PTO is also sponsoring a fund raiser that allows children to create their own greeting cards. The order will be processed so that the cards will be sent in time for the holidays.

(7) Enrichment - Letitia Lau

Enrichment's goal is to augment the school's current classroom activities with additional speakers and events. They asked each teacher to submit their top 4 choices of areas they would like additional help on. The group is now working to find events that will enhance the school experience. Some of these cost money (ie. Cabrillo Museum's mobile Aquarium) and some do not (ie. visit from a Policeman).

(8) Website and Membership - Carla Buck

The PTO's new website is up and running. Please check it out. Membership forms are available. The dues help offset costs. Membership is required to vote on PTO business, but is not required to volunteer for any activity.

Next Meeting

There will be no PTO meeting for October because of the Montessori Nights. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19.

Suggestion was made to have one of the meetings at the Bell Campus. Group agreed that this was a good idea. Need to determine which meeting this will be.

Attendance

Shara Montana, Julie Schweitzer, Bennett Talsky, Debbie Sullivan, Erna Moore, Evelyn Sowa, Josie Catella, Leyla Woods, Libaona Kebede, Olga Preiss, Sandy Yang, Letitia Lau, Sandra Essex, Carla Buck, Ann Mazuk, Micaela Saunders, Sene Gray, Sumei Yee, Kim & Adby Parsa, Gina Chodler, Jennifer Zeller.