

Sacramento Valley Charter School

PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 2, 2018

ATTENDEES: Bimaldeep Gosal, Poonam Dhaliwal, Taylor Bloss, Justin Bloss, Amrik Singh, Kulwinder Kaur

- I. **WELCOME-** We all introduced ourselves and stated what grade our scholars are in. We added a start time and roll call to the agenda.
- II. **SECRETARY-** We discussed February's minutes and approved them. Dr. Singh updated us on the student who was hit walking to the bus last month, the student has made a full recovery and Dr. Singh and the bus driver worked with the parents to move the pickup location to ensure there is no further problems. He also talked about our schools involvement in celebrating Dr. Seuss Week. The older classes are partnered with younger grades for a reading day, each class will have the opportunity to read to each other. There is also a reading contest going on to see what class can read the most pages, an award will be given to the leading class. The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success this year, we raised more money this year than last and look forward to next year's event. Dr. Singh discussed the schools desire to attract more students next year, the current enrollment is 230 and hopes to push that to 260 scholars. When asked about class size and extra classrooms/teachers needed he stated he plans to add a second fourth grade next year and adjust other grades as enrollment is solidified for next year as class size is currently capped between 27-35 students. Bussing concerns were raised for new areas to assist with the marketing plan for the school. Dr. Singh said there is talk about adding more transportation if needed. Currently we will collect around \$38,000 with maintenance and upkeep running around \$23,000. There is no current funding for the bussing situation, we discussed raising the cost per student (currently set at \$35 per month or \$350 per year).
- III. **FINANCIAL REPORT-** Our treasurer was unable to attend but our president informed us that all bills have been paid including the basketball game balance and the sweatshirt order.
- IV. **TRAFFIC CONTROL UPDATE-** We are happy to announce that the drop off and pick up procedure has been a huge success, parents and faculty agree. The added safety barrier has been the perfect addition to make this a success. We agreed that we need to remind

parents not to let their scholars in or out of their vehicle until they are in the front two stopping locations to ensure students safety.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS-

A. Coding Night- The PTO board asked for Dr. Singh's approval on hosting a Coding Night at the school. We all agreed to host our first Coding Night this month in lieu of an additional movie night. Code.org is a program designed to assist schools in teaching coding and will come out to assist in that. This will be a PTO and Principal run event that teachers are welcome to attend but will not be obligated to. We will use the schools chromebooks to have the scholars make a simple coding program with their parents. We will be sending information and signups home in the following week to prepare for the event.

B. Garden- PTO would like to assist the school in getting the garden cleaned out and planted for the spring. Taylor and Justin Bloss offered to assist in the process to work with any classes interested in using this as a teaching tool. Dr. Singh will be talking to the Gurdwara about where we can dispose of the weeds as well as talking to the teachers about what if any involvement they hope to have. We also discussed helping the younger grades in implementing a flower in a cup lesson to involve them as well.

VI. WRAP UP AND QUESTIONS- We discussed our schools current plans to assist students who need extra emotional support. There is no counselor or programs that we currently offer for scholars, and that is a concern for several parents on the PTO. We would like to see what the school can come up with for solutions to this and if there is anything we, as a PTO, can do to assist. Dr. Singh said that he is currently trying to increase teacher salaries to make them comparable to other teachers in our school district. We discussed looking into free programs or services to help aid the school in this process. We hope to discuss this more at a future date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm in the red room upstairs in the Gurdwara due to Spring Break and the After School Program.