



SHARK FUND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2021

Call to Order:

Shark Fund President Alison Stracke called to order at 6:35pm.

Attendees: Alison Stracke, Barbara Jones, Brian Cane, Brittney Page, Catherine S, Christine Hoffman, Cindy Watkin, Corrine Blair, Dana Claffey, Elizabeth Sorley, Gary Alpert, Hui Happy, Jackie L, Jenna M, Jen Prindiville, Joelle Baldwin, Joelle Kaskanlian, Julie Louren, Kelly Virgillito, KM, Lauren Ghio, Lisa Guglielmelli, Lynn/Zarni, Marco Pangilinan, Mason Eves, Meghan Gates, Mimi Tse, Phyllis Acon, Sharon Duda, Stephanie Polyzos, Sylvie Bullard, Thanos Sioutas, Todd Stracke

Approval of Minutes: Alison Stracke

- Approval of May 2021 Minutes
 - Action: Motion to approve May 2021 Minutes*
 - Motion: Alison Stracke*
 - 2nd: Lauren Ghio*
 - Motion approved; May 2021 Minutes adopted.*

Financial Reports: Kelly Virgillito & Mason Eves

- Kelly- No deposits thus far
- Mason-
 - Balance June- closing last fiscal year
 - June- cash decrease by \$7k, attributed to district invoice due to prepayment of paras, catch up payment, final invoice comes thru in August to close 2020-2021 year
 - Residual Dippin Dots \$900
 - Card my Yard \$400
 - Corporate Match
 - Budget vs Actual
 - Net income 2020-2021, initial estimated \$86k income
 - Actuals \$73k+
 - Over \$8k Dippin Dots alone
 - July
 - \$800 activity- Dippin Dots expenses related to last year, lingering auction expenses
- 2021-2022 Budget
 - Will get into detailed budget for this year coming up
- Approval for tax preparation needed \$800

Dippin Dots: Dana Claffey

- Board to approve \$4k expense for this fundraiser

Action: Motion to approve Dippin Dots (\$4,000) and Tax Prep (\$800)

Motion: Lauren Ghio

2nd: Kelly Virgillito

Motion approved

- \$2,380 sold on 8/18, largely punch card sales (83)
- Hoping punch cards make transactions much quicker moving forward
- Will be ordering more Dippin Dots
- #1 school selling Dippin Dots in Northern California
- \$285 sold at Kinder ice cream social

Registration: Jackie Lee

- 75% of student population registered and enrolled at Sycamore
- Of this percentage, TK 63% reg, K 72%, 1st 65%, 2nd 77%, 3rd 75%, 4th 86%, 5th 75%
- Average contribution rate all grades to Shark Fund is 65% (TK-5)
- Gross donations for Shark Fund \$115,462, net collected \$92,298 - otherwise people pay by check or do installments
- 66% contribution rate of those that registered
- Art contribution, net collected is \$6,570
- Science/Tech 1st-5th grades, 39% contribution rate, net \$10,697
- 7 interested in fulfilling auditor positions
- Alison Stracke- will also get corporate matches coming in

President's Report: Alison Stracke

- Going over commitments to fund by Shark Fund
- See slide that was shared
- Proposed additional commitments
 - 7.4 hours library to increase weekly visits \$8,900
 - 7.5 hours per week Kinder and TK PE \$8,397
 - Sylvie- comments on PE: half of each class (2 classes) goes out to PE so that teacher can give small group support to half of her class while other half is at PE, added benefit to funding the PE time
- Additional commitments proposed by Sylvie/staff were PE, Library, and additional para hours in classrooms
- Surveyed parents to get feedback on funding from Shark Fund, fundraising ideas, type of auction they prefer, etc
 - #1 was for paras, #2 was library
- Sending out another push for survey
- Motion to approve library extra spend and TK/K PE by Lauren

Action: Motion to approve extra library spend (\$8,900) and TK/K PE (\$8,397)

Motion: Lauren Ghio

2nd: Mason Eves

Motion approved

- Sylvie- library add will be easy because position is already on campus
- Ask for PE out to Mrs. Terrace first since she had the role before

Live Auction: Katerina McCormack

- 1 reservation pending, 4 locations with date holds

- Made good on all commitments from last year
- Update for Sylvie, Barbara- March 25 seems to look good for all vendors
- Venue- Crow Canyon Country Club (minimum is half the cost of anyone else)
 - Huge large room for spreading out
 - Including clause if county shuts us down, they'll work with us for refunds. Also if school has issue they'll work with us as well.
- Alison- Parent survey showed 41% prefer virtual/online; In person voted for casual evening auction vs dressy
- Lower minimum makes it easier to have a more casual event

Principal's Report: Sylvie Bullard

- Huge shift from having 250 kids at lunch vs. 500+ eating lunch
- Having to make some changes already this year, all staff being flexible
- Preparing for smoky days
- Following counties guidelines to keep kids safe
- Constant communication with district, principals supervisor reaches out often, Sylvie talks to her staff almost daily
- Pickup/dropoff- much smoother after first couple of days, lunch moved to outside with donated pop up tents for shade, kids eating on mats rather than ground
- New schedule for eating inside in the works due to smoke- 1 grade level inside at a time to facilitate 6' apart spacing
- Focus now is on social-emotional for the kids
- Some kids have been away for 515 days since last time they were in a classroom
- Stephanie Polyzos- reading books, talking about things, teaching how to express ourselves, teachers really excited to be on campus
- Another component of social-emotional: cohesive approach to character traits of being a Shark- posters on campus, read alouds already started
- Thankful for Shark Fund and adding Georganne and Katie, also added 2nd grade para,
- Rainbow Room- Shark Fund helps fund, lost Rainbow Room staff to full time position. Job is now posted 18 hours to work in Rainbow Room.
- Funding for art and music is very exciting, art docent is also coming back to meet with kids once a month. Music starts next week.
- Tech money will be spent on microphones and projectors
- Question from Phyllis Acon- asking about money coming in from state for covid support, how can Sycamore or our district use those funds
 - Sylvie- Some is for safety: PPE, masks, cleaning, etc. need 2 month supply on site; some is for school counselors. She will also start doing lessons with kids in every class.
 - Alison- Malloy talked about elementary counselors from these state funds and will communicate to parents around 10 areas that all students will receive (funded by district, parent donations, etc)

SRVEF: Gary Alpert

- Role on ed foundation- 3rd year sitting on Shark Fund, president of SRVEF ed foundation. Providing advice and help to these groups and schools and sharing best practices.
- Sycamore was an affiliate of the year for innovation last year.
- Run for Education is virtual again this year. Provides revenue sharing with schools.
- 30% of registration goes directly back to schools

PTA Report: Christy Lucia (given by Alison Stracke)

- Very successful ice cream social. TK, Kinder and new families team- Thank You! First PTA meeting Sept. 1st. Join PTA with a \$15 donation.

Site Council: Phyllis Acon

- Looking for 2 new parent reps to join. Haven't yet had first meeting. Provide one paragraph bio to Barbara for anyone wanting to join. Lesser commitment to join- 5 or 6 meetings in a year, total. Main objectives- goals for the year, safety planning.

Final Items: Alison Stracke

- Fill out parent survey!
- Registration closing next Friday
- Hazy BBQ Giveback 8/30-9/1

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm