



Sierra Elementary PTC Minutes

May 3, 2017 – 6:00pm

I. Call to order: 6:05PM

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Susan Willson, President
Kali Hetrick, Co-VP
Jenn Alexander, Co-VP
Katie Leman, Co-Treasurer
Jamie Wuerthner, Co-Treasurer
Angel Ruffcorn, Secretary
Hannah Anderson, Principal
Nell Hildebrand, Teacher Representative
Diane Sorenson, Teacher Representative
Barbara Trammell

III. Approval of minutes – April 5, 2017

Motion to approve Sierra Elementary PTC General Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2017: Barbara Trammell, Second: Kali Hetrick, Approved Unanimous.

IV. Treasurer Report

The Father/Daughter Dance netted between \$400 and \$500.
The Math Intervention check should be written from the General Fund directly to RUSD.
The Spanish Instruction check should be written from IB-Spanish to directly to RUSD.

V. Sami's Circuit 2017/2018 Funding

Feedback regarding the Sami's Circuit Program was requested from parents, students and staff. The comments were mostly positive except the upper grades, 4th, 5th and 6th, commented on the repetitiveness of the Program. Sierra Elementary PTC and Staff will consider discussions with Sami to tailor the program for the upper grades to a different and more age-appropriate program. Sierra will also ask Sami about designing a fee structure such that Sami would teach an Assembly and two circuits, and MC the Auction for \$2,500.

Motion to offer Sami Circuit \$2,500 to teach an Assembly and two circuits, and MC the Auction: Jenn Alexander, Second: Barbara Trammell, Approved Unanimously.

VI. Teacher Requests

- A. The Shark Shuffle for Success allows all students to receive instruction in language arts at a level which is appropriate for them. Students who need intervention will be placed in grade level alike groups of 4-6 students per 1 adult to receive support in the area they are struggling.
- Students who are on grade level will receive instruction in comprehension strategies. Students who are above grade level will have time to work on “passion projects” or “I wonder...” projects connected to their IB units of inquiry.
 - Shark Shuffle for Success is 4 days per week for 30 minutes per grade level.
 - We have seen great success this year with the two grade levels piloting the “program.”
 - To have enough staff to cover all groups, we need to increase our instructional aide time.
 - The \$5000 would go to help offset the cost of the instructional aides. This amount covers roughly 1 hour of aide time per day for the entire school year. We are funding the rest of Shark Shuffle, basically 5-6 additional hours, with site funds.

Motion to fund Shark Shuffle \$5,000 for enhanced Language Arts Instruction: Jamie Wuerthner, Second: Kali Hetrick, Approved Unanimously.

- B. The RUSD Librarian is requesting all District PTC’s provide funding for Audio books and eBooks. These books can be utilized by more than one student at a time. Audiobooks are a great way to support children with a variety of reading challenges or those students who prefer listening to books while they do other things. We frequently recommend these books to students who are having a hard time persevering through a text or trying to read something for interest which is above their reading level.

Motion to fund Audio books and eBooks \$500: Barbara Trammell, Second: Jenn Alexander, Approved Unanimously.

- C. Current supply of wireless microphones and headphones used to support various productions throughout the year are damaged or malfunctioning due to normal use.

Motion to fund \$400 to replace worn out wireless headphone and microphone equipment: Kali Hetrick, Second: Barbara Trammell, Approved Unanimously.

- D. Motion to fund \$500 for Exhibition T-Shirts for staff and students: Jamie Wuerthner, Second: Kali Hetrick, Approved Unanimously.

- E. Motion to fund \$250 for a 3-D printer for 4th Grade Inventions Unit: Katie Leman, Second: Kali Hetrick, Approved Unanimously. Mr. Keck is funding \$250 from his teacher funds as well.

VII. Event Updates

Father/Daughter Dance

Acknowledgment to Barbara Trammell and Jamie Wuerthner for the overwhelming success of the Event. Approximately 250 people were in attendance.

2018 Auction Kick-off

The 2018 Auction Kick-Off will be held at Nikki’s house on 05/04/2017.

VIII. Staff Message

- A. State testing for Grades 3-6 is in progress. Sierra Elementary is testing for two weeks, half days, as opposed to most other schools which are testing for one week full days. This allows for adequate stress relief for the students in testing.
- B. Sierra Elementary is “revamping” the computer lab. Some of the computers will be replaced by two Chrome Books, 8 iPads and the 3-D printer. This will leave space for Exhibition and other student project work and storage.
- C. There is a band concert Tuesday evening, 05/09/2017.
- D. Open House is Thursday, 05/18/2017, more details in the Sierra Elementary website. A dinner will be provided to raise funds for the 6th Grade Alliance Redwood Science Trip.
- E. The 6th Grade Exhibition is 06/01/2017. They have created a Public Service Announcement.
- F. Last day of the 2016/2017 school year is 06/08/2017.

IX. New business/Open Forum

- A. The Monterey Bay Aquarium Field Trip is planned for 06/03/2018. The trip must be planned on a Friday when there is a low tide and this is the only feasible date satisfying both conditions.
- B. The next PTC Board meeting is planned for the end of July, date TBD.
- C. The PTC Board is considering the contents and construction of the Welcome Back Packets and Welcome Back Breakfast.
- D. **After nine years at Sierra Elementary and eight years voluntary service on the Sierra Elementary PTC Board, we, regretfully, say “Goodbye” to a great mom and valued Board member, Barbara Trammell. Her selfless gifts of time, energy, positive attitude and creativity will be greatly missed. Barbara is a positive reflection on herself and on Sierra and will no doubt continue to be a welcome and invested mom as her children enjoy their academic experiences.**

X. Adjourn: 7:10PM