

## DAVES AVENUE HOME & SCHOOL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2016

Daves Avenue School, Los Gatos, California

### In attendance:

Rhonda Alkharat, Karie Bobzin, Emelia Cellura, Iqbal Chadda, Marisa D'Amico, Kerri DiCicco, Shannon Drotar, Jamie Girton, Michele Grancell, Selin Gurses, Flor Handyside, Lisa Hanson, Carolyn Harnish, Ali Hasha-Olivo, Beth Jackson, Jyoti Kelly, Jennifer Lambert, Sherry Lee, Suzanne Nestor, Claire Nippress, Michele Pullens, Nicole Reginelli, Heather Gaede Regoli, Kim Simon, Dan Snyder, Bryce Wend

**Guests:** Emi Eto, Dr. Diana Abbati, Mani Farhadi, Steve Parsons, Michelle Abene

1. **The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Harnish at 8:31am.**
2. **Guest Speakers - District Board of Trustees Candidate Forum**
  - a. Dan Snyder: Advocate of great education for kids through parent and community involvement.
  - b. Mani Farhadi: Believes in balanced education for all children.
  - c. Steve Parsons: Has had ten years experience on the board.
3. **Guest Speaker - Michelle Abene, Art Docents**
  - a. State money cannot be spent on art.
  - b. About nine times per year, Art Docents brings art programs to each classroom.
  - c. Holding a Chocolate Art Music Night in the springtime during the District Art Show.
  - d. October 25: Fundraiser at Palacio
4. **Principal's Report – Iqbal Chadda**
  - a. Leadership at school has been meeting to work toward common expectations and terminology for behavior standards at school.
  - b. Need additional adults on the playground at recess and lunch.
  - c. Please join us at School Site Council meetings. Next meeting is October 20.
5. **President's Report – Carolyn Harnish**
  - a. Shout Outs: Family Fun Night, Moms' Night Out, Mama Mia
6. **Vice President – Carolyn Harnish for Danielle Rooney**
  - a. One & Done ("O&D") Update: Currently at about 35% participation. H&SC will push to increase this percentage when the student directory comes online.
  - b. Classroom Volunteer Openings: Clay Volunteers for Martin, Baker, and Brown classes. Many classrooms need Memory Book volunteers.
7. **Approval of September 1, 2016 Minutes**
  - a. Motion: Dan Snyder
  - b. Second: Nicole Reginelli
  - c. Motion Passed
8. **Parliamentarian – Nicole Reginelli**
  - a. Annual Community Sponsorship Program:
    - i. Logos have been printed on Fun Walk shirts and banners have been ordered. Chairs should have received an email communicating the identity of their sponsor.
    - ii. Have raised \$48,000 through sponsorship program this year.
    - iii. Author's Day and Green Team are still available to an interested sponsor.
  - b. Wall Ball Courts: A parent is going to paint one wall using "I Am" theme. Goal is to eventually paint all the walls and include students.
9. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Girls on the Run – Kerri DiCicco:** Could use more coaches to allow more girls to participate. Program is after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, March through May.
  - b. **FourLeaf – Heather Gaede Regoli:**
    - i. Parents will receive an email next week from the district, giving them access to and the ability to manipulate their own directory information.
    - ii. Only O&D families will have access to the full directory.
    - iii. If you chose not to be in the directory and change your mind, you can be added manually at any time.
  - c. **Green Team – Lisa Hanson:** Organizing a meeting of parent volunteers. In the process of launching an after-school club on Thursdays. Participation will be \$50 and is open to third, fourth, and fifth graders and their siblings. Goal will be to facilitate student-driven initiatives to enhance awareness of environmental issues, and to give student the opportunity to be stewards of the environment, including through organizing special events throughout the year.
  - d. **Safe Routes to School – Heather Gaede Regoli for Donna Leu:**

- i. Annual Walk and Roll Week: District kicked off an event called "Where will your feet take you". All students were given pedometers to inspire them to walk or roll to school (and around the community) in an effort to walk across the nation. Please have children note how many steps they took on the downloadable log accessible through the Wednesday Wave and turn it in to front office.
  - ii. Fourth Grade Bike Rodeo went well. Thanks to all parents who helped with the event; had 105 bikes on campus that day.
- e. **CASA – Claire Nippress:** CASA Week is October 24-28. Goal is to start elementary school children making healthy choices and having healthy friendships. CASA volunteers will be handing out character cards to children making healthy choices. There will be related FunVisor activities as well.
- f. **Family Fun Night – Marisa D'Amico:** Successful night; fun, well-attended, and under budget.
- g. **Cool Cat Auction – Nicole Reginelli:** Saturday, March 25 at Hotel Los Gatos. Food will be provided by Dio Deka.
- h. **Teacher Gifts Update – Carolyn Harnish for Leasa Joos:** Electronic cards have been sent to the teachers on their birthdays; have had a very positive response so far.
- i. **Parenting Continuum – Carolyn Harnish for Christina Enneking:** "Take it Personally" six-week workshop coming up on Friday mornings.
- j. **Fun Walk – Emelia Cellura**
  - i. Pledge forms went home this week.
  - ii. Room Parents:
    - 1. Pinning party next Friday.
    - 2. Bring a box or reusable shopping bag to carry tee shirts.
    - 3. Bring water out to the field on the day of the Fun Walk. Water bottles will not be filled in the classrooms this year.
    - 4. Should receive SignUp links in the next couple days.
- k. **Moms' Night Out – Flor Handyside & Joyti Kelly:** 89 women attended; went very well.
- l. **Mama Mia & Men's Night Out – Kim Simon:**
  - i. Men's Night Out- Brought in \$10,000. More than fifty attended.
  - ii. Mama Mia - Brought in nearly \$15,000.

10. **Old Business**

- 11. **New Business – Carolyn Harnish:** District elementary schools have proposed a competition to see which school can spend the most money at Super Duper Burgers on a specified day where a percentage of proceeds would be given back to the school. The winning school would receive a prize (e.g. lunch for the teachers). Decision to participate if percentage of profits offered is reasonable.

**Adjournment at 9:54am**