

San Diego Cooperative Charter School
PSA General Meeting
February 6, 2013

PSA Minutes:

Convened at 3:35 PM

Welcome and Introductions: Amy Denhart and Julie Blair Co-presidents

Elections are in May so we need nominations by April.

Project Night is tomorrow and we will again have food trucks. Green Truck and an Ice Cream Truck. They will donate a minimum of 10%, usually they average \$125.

Treasurer's Report: Rebekah Hill:

Reminder: turn in Jogathon money.

Re: upcoming officer elections - I will remain treasurer but would be open to a co-treasurer to share responsibilities. I would love to have someone to do Scrip Sales because we lost our assistant. Amy D will staff the table for 30 min and Virginia and Cyndi Boyd will do half hours as well to cover the table tomorrow for Project Night.

Bekah will do Scrip Sales in the office on Thursdays. Veronica has volunteered to help for Scrip Sales on Thursdays in the lunch arbor.

Tricycle race will be on April 18. on PE night. It's usually from 4-6pm. There are sports demos and staff vs. students Kickball. Ms. Cybele will have a dance class and someone will do martial arts.

Reminder: Daylight savings is March 10.

Suzette asked to announce that Gala ticket prices go up to \$75 at the end of this week. Do not stop bringing in donations for Gala items. Forms are online.

Board Liason Report: Cyndi Boyd: 2 new members were voted in. Lisa Porter and David Chong (middle school parent and fiancé to Sarah Saluta). Lynn Northrop has announced that she will not be continuing service at the end of the year. Dr. Patti Saraniero is chair. Link Fish is acting treasurer. Michelle was treasurer and has passed that on. Dr. Wendy and Ken are considered key administrators and do not vote on the Board.

The Board has authorized Dr. Wendy to negotiate on behalf of the school for a new site until a new principal is hired. We will not hire a new principal until we have a site confirmed. That school will not have a lottery until the site is confirmed. 6 rooms of the Emerson Bandini campus has been offered near Barrio Logan near Costco, but it isn't big enough. Emerson Bandini used to be 2 schools but they didn't have enough kids, so they merged into one. Therefore they have 2 campuses, and have offered us 4 classrooms on one site and 2 on the other. The ultimate goal is to get one complete campus. All of the schools that were offered Prop 39 sites had to have turned in their intent by last week.

Question from Amy D: How do we apply for a certain amount of slots?

Cyndi: When SDCCS2 opens, the plan is to open only a K-2. 25 kids per grade, 2 classrooms per level. So SDCCS2 only needs 6 classrooms right now, but the goal is to get a place they can grow into without having to move. They want a prop 39 site because rent is ridiculous outside of that. They already have more than 75 people with actual applications for that second site. They just can't hold the lottery yet. Almost all parents who applied for this school for next year have also applied for the second site. 2. The Gala is coming up, so it should be clear that ALL money raised will stay here. If money is raised for SDCCS 2 it will stay there. It is a possibility that we may provide a 1-year \$75,000 loan with a forced repayment when federal monies finally arrive after 5-7 months. It is not a gift. Some parents did bridging loans for this school as well when it opened. Our school has a line item of a \$50,000 expectation in our budget from the GALA. Next year the goal is \$75,000.

3. Nothing extra to report on Special Ed. The El Dorado SELPA did approve for us to join. We will know more next month.

Staff Report: Ramon Aguirre: For Project Night- we secured parking next door. The person at the CPS parking lot is new. So they will be closing earlier than usual but they will be opening parking to parents. Parents will pick up a parking placard at the gate. They MUST be out by 8:30.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jen: PLEASE JUST LOG HOURS! The lottery went by and a few families went back in again this year. It was about the same number as last year. Overall, we have just under 17,000 hours. We have Art night coming up. We need a lot of help for the rummage sale. We need someone tomorrow night who can keep it open during Project Night. We also need 2 new Coordinators for next year.

Question: Are we doing Art Night Café? Cyndi will speak with the organizer Onigret about that.
Cyndi: Jacob and Elien Alexander will need help for Talent Night. There are SDCCS parents that will be doing a Taco Cart for Talent night. They will use our own Cart.

Event Spirit Coordinator's Report: We had a net income of \$140 at ZPizza. The owner would like to do it monthly as a regular event. We can get a "celebrity chef" like Dr. Wendy to go in and make pizzas. We could even do different teachers to increase interest.

Question: Julie B.-Skateworld: the cash got mixed in with the bake sale from the book fair, so we assume that it did not lose money, but we have no way of knowing how much was specifically raised.

Comment Cyndi: It is a spirit- a tradition so even if it lost money, we should not cancel it. This was for the November skateworld. There is another one coming up.

Skateworld is on May 9.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Parent Enrichment: AMY BESNOY, MLS, MA: parent of Zane and Isaac. Prof Librarian at USD. She is an expert at research and internet research. She gave a class for 2 years for the middle school classes.

Her entire presentation can be found at <http://goo.gl/ZFT2w>

Here are the notes from Amy's presentation:

On the internet, nobody knows who you are or what your age is. They don't know that you are an adult etc.

When your child starts, choose age appropriate material, you need to trust your children, keep communication open, keep respect, Knowledge and information, logical consequences.

At what age should they start email: depends on family circumstances. My 8 year old doesn't really use his email account. My oldest started at 8 because of family members who wanted contact. Parents always have passwords. No contact with anyone a parent has never met. No contact with anyone the child has never met in person.

We have gone through every person in my son's FB account as well. Our family members have been asked to CC or BCC me when communicating with my child

FB: falls under the COPPA- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act therefore only ages 13 and up (legal)

At age 13, my son and we sat down with FB and went through each privacy setting together, one by one.

Our rules for FB are: No friends that the parent or child have not met in person and parents always have the password.

Cell Phones: phones with cameras- problems because of sexting. It's illegal and scary. There was a young man recently who was arrested for sexting an image somewhere.

Instagram: you can disengage the photomaps. People can spot target your house from the photo.

Smartphone: Snapchat is a new app that can be chatted and upon receipt, it will vanish. There is no longevity, but it's a picture chat

Chat Roulette, webcams: random webcams that you can socialize with strangers. A webcam on your computer is like a webcam into your bedroom. It's like having a peeping tom in your bedroom. SO where do you put your computer? We don't allow internet access in a bedroom. We only put computers in public spaces in our home.

Real time internet games: ex. Bratz or Barbie- girl chat games look really innocent. You think you are only chatting with only girls. Minecraft- you need to actively disable chat otherwise, it's a real-time game. Do not do it surreptitiously, you need to sit down with your child and discuss the settings.

Blogs and vlogs: You need to have conversations about who they are logging in as and what their name is. You need to monitor and be engaged in what access those people have to your children.

Ask the hard questions: what are your friends doing online? what do you think about that?
What are the coolest or newest websites? Why are they cool?
Would you show me your favorite sites?
What do you know about cyber-bullying?
When you have been online, have you every seen anything weird that made you feel uncomfortable?
Let's talk about the stuff like that if it comes up.
Sometimes kids take inappropriate photos and send them does that ever happen?

I prefer not to deal with internet filters because there are many problems that come up with that. For instance inaccessibility to valid websites for school research projects...

Some credible resources:

Evaluating the media: Common Sense Media: Really neat you can set your age range, they rate the sites.

I suggest bookmarking those and directing your children to them. Don't use GOOGLE.

Don't be overwhelmed. Avoid overload. We are the editors of Wikipedia. Anyone can go in and change an entry and there is no authority. Create bookmarks for your kids to access.

I like IPL.org because they have librarians who volunteer their time to answer questions for kids.

Keep communication open. Make sure they are comfortable coming to you. Ask questions and evaluate sources together.