

Alderwood PTA Meeting
October 24, 2017

- I. Call to Order: Geena Dougherty 8:40 am in MPR.
- II. Principal and TOSA's Update - Kelli Cheshire and Michael Hernandez
 - A. Extreme heat precautions in effect this week.
 - B. Innovation Lab grand opening planned before Winter Break; students already using facilities which include circuit boards, robotics, lego engineering, and flexible seating.
 - C. Plan for "Giving Tuesday" after Thanksgiving to teach kids to give back to their community.
 - D. Plan to submit grant proposal to IPSF for funding of a 'Common Collaborative Space' in the area of the old computer lab.

III. Guest Speakers:

A. Neda Eaton, President and CEO, IPSF: Presented role of IPSF in Irvine to meet educational needs of entire school district. IPSF is privately funded by Irvine parents and businesses. California is ranked 48/50 in the US in terms of dollars spent per student; within California, IUSD ranks near last in state funding. At Alderwood in 2017, IPSF awarded an innovation grant for creation of Innovation Lab. Also, 7 of 11 Alderwood educational assistants are partly funded by IPSF.

B. Serena McKinney (Director of Ed. Tech IUSD): Parenting in the 21st Century. See handout "A" for link to presentation and internet security resources (available online). Reviewed IUSD data privacy measures to protect students, methods for parents to provide online security at home, popular apps with security issues, and school programs to promote good digital citizenship. For tech questions: contact Serena or staff at helpdesk@iusd.org. For parents who want to access IUSD software, www.iusd.org/software.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes - Julie Hirota makes and motion to approve the Sept 2017 minutes, Dawn Mortazavi seconds, group vote held, motion carries.

V. President's Report - Geena Dougherty

A. IPSF Harvest Cup Tournament update - Alderwood did very well overall, additional tournaments are planned for football, basketball.

VI. Financial Report - Afaf Essuqi makes two motions, see Attachment "B"

A. Afaf makes a motion to allow payment of ordinary and necessary bills during the period from 10/24/17 to the next PTA meeting 11/28/17, not to exceed budget. Lakshmi Kannon seconds, group votes all in favor, motion carries.

B. Afaf makes a second motion to ratify paid bills, check number 2314 to check number 2319, in the amount of \$469.35. Dawn Mortazavi seconds, group votes all in favor, motion carries.

VII. Reports of the Committee Chairs:

A. Membership/Pledge Drive update: Dawn Mortazavi. So far, \$33K out of \$40K goal raised. Additional ideas for increasing parent participation discussed. PTA will vote next meeting which programs to continue if goals unmet. Possible ideas such as reducing number of field trips, cutting back on t shirts, etc discussed.

B. Team Kids update by Kristina Lee - Step 1: Lemonade stands raised \$1200 for Red Cross. Step 2: 614 letters written and sent to Emergency Responders. Step 3: Team

Kids carnival this Friday 10/27/17. Money raised from coin donations will be sent to Dominica to buy emergency shelter tents.

C. Family Fun Night update by Paniz Ebrahimi/Joy Lin: great turnout by Alderwood families. Polynesian dance show, cake walk, games were enjoyed by all and ticket sales raised \$1106 (plus \$34.20 from food trucks sales), which met event costs.

D. Book Fair update by Kristina Lee and Evangelene Lee: Evangelene was commended by Kristina for volunteering her tech knowledge in setting up online parent volunteering. Fair is scheduled for 12/11/17-12/15/17. Volunteers are needed and can sign up online.

E. Red Ribbon Week by Gwen Aquino: the girl scouts DARE banner was featured on the Irvine Prevention Coalition webpage.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None

IX: New Business: None

X: Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2017

XI: Adjournment: 10:20 am