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Caleb Greenwood PTSO General Board Meeting
5:30 pm August 28, 2024
Caleb Greenwood Multipurpose Room

A -1. Call to order – I now call to order the Caleb Greenwood PTSO General Meeting to order on August 28, 2024 at 5:30PM at Caleb Greenwood Elementary.

A-2. Roll Call of the executive members of the PTSO Board.

Present:

Shana Nijjar - President

Julie Garrison - Auditor

Jessica Harold - Vice President

Tracey Weinstein - Secretary

Amy Botill - Member at Large

Katie Cole - Parliamentarian

Rosanne Cherry - Teacher Representative

Absent:

Kelly Parks - Treasurer

A -3. Welcome from Principal Trent

A. Introduction and welcome back to Caleb

B. Introduction of teachers and staff

A-4. Welcome from PTSO and President, Shana Nijjar

A. Explanation of the PTSO, the role of the PTSO at Caleb Greenwood, the contributions it makes and invitation to parents and families to join by just coming to a meeting and finding out more.

A-5. Music Education Plans

A. Shana and Principal Trent introduced Jillian Van Ness, the founder of Grow Resilient Families, as our new Music Educator at Caleb Greenwood and spoke to

her experience and wealth of knowledge, and the excitement around her joining the Caleb Greenwood community as an educator. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has taken a position at Sac State in Public Health which we are so excited for her about. That gave us a great opportunity to find someone to fill her shoes. A little birdie told me about Jillian Van Ness and Growing Resilient Families. I was able to see her and was blow away with her caliber. I am very pleased to announce that we have been able to bring back Morning Sing with the help of the PTSO. It is going to look at bit different than in past years as we have a new person leading it. We are grateful to the PTSO to bring Jillian on campus. We will use our Prop 98 funds as well but will get started with music now. Asks Jillian to stand up!

A-6. Treasurer Report of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget - Shana Nijjar presented on behalf of Kelly Parks.

- A. Explained some of the things we used the funds for in the past years:
 - a. these very comfortable chairs we are sitting in, kiln, which is actually the only kiln in all of the school district, laminators, laser ink printers for each classroom, doc cams for each classroom, music teacher and curriculum, Spanish curriculum, tutoring and student support, assemblies, field trips for each class and scholarships for families who need assistance with field trip fees, health education, library/Action Center, Art Teacher, playground equipment, teacher allotment, teacher appreciation, and classroom supplies, amongst many other things.
- B. Tracey Weinstein made a motion to pass the 2024-2025 PTSO Budget. Amy Botill seconded the motion. The motion has passed. Unanimous budget approval. No dissents.

A-7. School Board Update - Jasjit Singh

- A. Jasjit introduced himself, the role of the School Board, and invitation for parents to follow online and attend meetings.
- B. The focus this year is to make sure we get back to ensuring kids get caught up with their education now that our budget is in order. The goal is to address learning loss over the last few years and also to figure out a linear route for Prop 98 funds. I also want to share not as a district representative that Measure D

which will not raise taxes will be put before you to pay for improvements to our schools – we have the oldest district west of the Mississippi.

- C. One parent, Mary Hernandez, asked a question: Can you explain what the linear process is and what is holding up the funds for Prop 98?
- D. Principal Trent answered: It is slow because like anything new the district had to build a process around it. So, while we have the allotment they had to create the positions and have VAPA assistance. The board has not yet approved that position which is why it has been difficult to hire for those. We have been working hard with our amazing VAPA coordinator to figure out how to make that all happen quickly. It truly does take all of us to make Caleb the wonderful place that it is.
- E. Mary Hernandez asked: Is there a timeline on that?
- F. Jasjit answered: Once staff brings that to a public board meeting then we can hold a public comment and then vote. It has not yet been presented. We have amazing music educators at many sites who may not be credentialed in the right way – the money that comes from the state has a lot of strings attached so we are working through all of those now.

A-8. Wrap Up and Dismissal - Shana Nijjar

- A. Some reminders from some of our committees that have already been hard at work over the summer:
 - a. Welcome Back Picnic is Friday, September 13th at Glenn Hall Park.
 - b. Monthly Family Dinners, where a percentage of purchases are gifted back to the Caleb PTSSO. The first one is at Sellands next month on Thursday, September 26th.
 - c. Our Jog-a-thon is on Friday, October 11th and the fundraising for that will begin next week.
 - d. Yearbooks are already for sale, so please order yours as soon as possible before the prices go up. Even though the deadline of December 31st may seem far away, it creeps up on you quickly and we don't want anyone to miss out on getting a yearbook!
 - e. Our first PTSSO Board meeting will be next Wednesday, September 4th and we would love to have any and all of you there!
 - f. All of this information is on our school's website and calendar, and will also be in the September Newsletter Bundle that will be sent out next

week. We will be sending out a monthly newsletter bundle which will include fun and important updates from Principal Trent, Mrs. Kelly Cordero, our IB PYP Coordinator and the PTSO Board.

- B. Thanked everyone for coming and wished them all a wonderful Back to School Night.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:47PM