

CAL PTO: California Middle School PTO

March 4, 2025

Link to Join Teams Meeting:

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5:36 p.m.	I. Welcome and Introductions – -Minutes approved.	Kate
	II. Board President Report- -New: Cal PTO Website!! -Cal Dines out. Huge thank you to Holly. Last Cal Dines out raised \$400. -Spaghetti Night on 3/14. 100 tickets sold already. Will also be Bingo. Culinary arts will help supply items. -Book Fair March 24-28 th . Jodi needs help setting up 7:15-8.	Kate
	III. Administration Updates -Huge Thank you to PTO and parents attending and volunteering. -March is full of events! -Great teaching happening at Cal! Will be reminding students next week during PE as we generally do periodically throughout the year. -State Testing in May. -Two more Site Council meetings. Will be working to write SPSA plan. -Get to keep staff at Cal! -Tani sent an email to coaches to remind them to use the form for requests. -No ICE visits. -Tomorrow a Principal meeting on Federal funding. Cal receives \$200,000 in Federal Funding.	Gino
	IV. Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kate and Tia met to work on funding and budget going forward.- Coming into this school year, we saved a little more than \$18,000 bc the district would be funding all the coaches.- Kate and Tia were able to rework budget based on surplus and work to increase/decrease certain areas based on needs.- Are holding \$ for girls/ boys soccer.- Drama to \$2000 from \$1000.- Have agreed to hold \$ for sports that do a fundraiser.- Science Field Trip for \$1000.	Kristi (with Kate and Tia)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased library and music - Increased Hygiene - Increase to have someone do taxes each year - Sports increased from \$9000 to \$10,000. - Separated out funds for Cal Awards and Cal coupons - Decreased some items as well as from previous years like extracurricular scholarships because they have been separated into other more specific categories. - Added a 7th Grade Field Trip for end of year. Thursday June 5th 10-12pm. Price discussed as transportation is so expensive. Will have to look at charter busses. Will be 400 potential students. - School Site Council Suggested- Uncertainty in Federal funding for next year 25-26. Question to PTO: If a surplus, could PTO consider holding some \$ for school to fund some things that Federal Funding generally cover like after-school tutoring and extra teaching hours. - PTO Budget Projected for End-of-Year is: \$26,617 - Motion to approve Revised Budget. - Two e-votes from last month: Snacks for Mathletes, Soccer items for Girls' soccer team. - Still waiting for reimbursement from district as PTO helped Cal with PE uniforms. - New Request for Boys' Volleyball Uniforms. - 73 kids on Track Team. - Ways to incentivize parents to purchase merchandise: will be selling at Pasta Night, Open House. Suggestion to remind parents that a portion of the \$ will go to Spring sports, etc. Suggestion to sell merchandise ahead of time to incoming families. 	
	<p>V. Committee Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff: no new updates - Staff Appreciation - Jog-a-thon: Now a Color Run. Purchased white t-shirts. Purchased color for \$2,000. <p>At end of lunch, at 12:20. Will have Rally Schedule. Students report to 6th period and walk out to Land Park lawn. Do in batches of 7th and 8th grade. Released by heat and run around the perimeter. Only ½ mile. Can go longer if want. Will have color at each color. In quad, will be music and refreshments.</p> <p>Discussion about fundraising levels for kids. March 21st. Will need volunteers and snacks donated. Fruit to go through the kitchen.</p> <p>-Will be using Zeffy for fundraising and tickets – new service.</p> <p>-Communications- Nicolette will help with new website.</p>	Tia

	<p>VI. New Business:</p> <p>-Native Plant Pollinator Garden Proposal-from Julie Evans</p> <p>Hope to create a Native Plant Garden in the front and around the +Cal sign and around the front of the school. This could be a Phase 1 if other parents want to take on in the future.</p> <p>Did a similar project at Crocker but more of a Garden. At Cal Middle, they want to create more of a little habitat for local wildlife.</p> <p>Can apply for a grant for about \$300 through local chapter of CMPS . Looking for additional funding from PTO to bring this project to fruition for next year. Already been done in SCUSD at Crocker. Julie would be donating her time and expertise in creating the Native Plant Garden. Probably looking for \$500 x2 to do 2 rounds. Also, looking for signage to bring awareness. Could do a tour as well of Native Plant Garden in the future.</p> <p>Julie notes that the Cal remodel of outside grounds- non-native plants were used. Estimates 1/3 are dying. Hope to do Native plants with less water use and habitat creation.</p> <p>Also. looking for Science teachers to bring in some content for students in the Science classes. Also, thoughts of evolution of the idea to start a “Green Team” club at Cal in the future and/or bring in Leadership kids. Want to create excitement for students to be involved in the project and maintenance of it. “Green Team” can grow in future.</p>	Julie Evans
	<p>VIII. Adjourn Meeting after 7pm.</p> <p>IX. Next Meeting is April 1st.</p>	