



## General Membership Meeting Recap – September 26, 2018

Thank you to all who attended our first General Membership meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>! We look forward seeing more parents next time as we continue important discussions about our kids' education & well-being at Puesta del Sol. We had speakers who highlighted various key areas of our school and PTA to ensure we captured your interests.

To open, Principal Jonathan Shearer shared the preliminary survey results about Principal coffee scheduling and community feedback about our school. He noted four key roles which all play to our kids' success in Puesta del Sol (PDS). These are – school (partnering), teachers (accommodating), community/parents (participating), and PTA (supporting). He truly appreciated all the feedback received from many parents and gladly shared the results with you. Please visit our PTA website in the near future to read more about these survey results.

We also heard from our PTA co-President Grace Muro-Aje about the fundraising changes that includes a change from our Auction fundraising (every other year) to Big Give fundraising (every year) starting this school year 2018/19. Since we had new parents in attendance, she explained the reasons for the change that comprised of higher auction expenses, strain on volunteers, amount of work and time in planning and also an opportunity to reallocate funds to promote new and improved programs. She addressed a few of the challenges that came from this change and how the PTA team is working to understand ways to improve future campaigns and communications in a way that embraces our diverse community. "What doesn't challenge you, doesn't change you" is a phrase that summarizes how we are all in a learning curve this year and will use your suggestions to improve the PTA going forward.

Also, Adam Droker, the PTA Payables Treasurer presented the 2018/19 budget plan and new budget proposal which was voted on and approved. This was followed by a discussion to improve the planning and communication methods. The budget committee will be working monthly to make sure the budget is accurate and aligns with the expenses throughout the year.

Additionally, our PTA Advocacy chair Amy Ulrich educated the membership about her role in PTA and plans to attend the legislative assembly this year October 20, 2018. She shared the topics of discussions this year and how our PTA voice is important.

We had Rodney Smith, a PTA member, present our 2018/19 PTA Standing Rules for approval and vote. Standing Rules are the rules our PTA abides by to administer its affairs to stay organized with a well-defined procedure specific for Puesta del Sol. The new Standing Rules are available on our PTA website.

To inform our families about upcoming events and volunteer needs, our VP of Communications and Membership Pauline Fox shared briefly how volunteering helps our school and PTA. Current open positions were highlighted to ensure we are continuing to provide support to our kids and teachers. Please visit our website to learn more.

Likewise, we heard from Jen Meyer a VP of Educational Enhancement who updated the membership about some of our PTA programs and how to get your child started. Please visit our PTA website to see more and register your child.

One of our Fundraising VPs Sarah Mejlaender shared the Walkathon event details and schedule. Then Natalie Danielson the VP of Special Events shared about the upcoming Pumpkin Bash and Movie Night events and highlighted the importance of these events to our community and children of Puesta del Sol.

We believe, together we can continue to make Puesta del Sol a place that nourishes our kids' success and helps them reach their potential! "Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration,

wonderful things can be achieved.” --Mattie Stepanek



Thank you.

Anne Wilson and Grace Muro-Aje

Co-Presidents 2018/19

Puesta del Sol PTA