

Meeting summary for 04/16/2025)

Quick recap

The Parent Club meeting covered various topics including school updates, survey results, and upcoming events. The group discussed plans for future fundraisers, including a potential Casino Night theme for next year's gala and arrangements for the Open House. Additionally, the club reviewed its financial status, discussed leadership roles for the upcoming year, and addressed logistical matters such as T-shirt orders and volunteer coordination.

Next steps

- Katy to email Debbie at Bargetto about hosting a Casino Night and confirm it's okay with their liquor license.
- Katy to email officers and Michelle with pricing information for the Casino Night.
- Jeanette to do inventory of Happy Valley t-shirts.
- Michelle Stewart to email Jeanette with new dates for kinder roundup.
- Angie to put a note in her communication to teachers, asking them to send personal invites to their volunteers for the parent lunch.

- Martita to file tax returns by May 15th.
 - Officers to set up a meeting to go to the bank and open a higher interest-bearing account.
 - Parent Club officers to discuss how to allocate money raised from the Readathon back to the school, particularly for library and books.
 - Parent Club to consider putting a portion of the net income into the endowment fund.
 - Room parents to help coordinate the bake sale for Open House.
 - Jeanette to send out sign-up information for Open House volunteers.
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Summary

Spring Break Transition and State Testing

Michelle Stewart discussed the school's transition back from Spring Break and the upcoming state testing. She expressed gratitude to the teachers and staff for their hard work and wished them well for the state testing. Michelle also mentioned some plumbing issues in the school office and the possibility of the kindergarten class painting the concrete floor. She planned to share the parent and student survey results with the group.

Happy Valley 2025 Survey Results

Michelle Stewart presented the 2025 survey results from Happy Valley, which included responses from both parents and students. The survey showed a 97% satisfaction rate among parents regarding the school's communications and staff responsiveness. Academic needs were met for 97% of students, while social and emotional needs were met for 88%. The survey also highlighted concerns such as the need for more staff check-ins and the desire for more transparency in math instruction. The most positive aspects of the school were the teachers and staff, as well as the school community. The survey also revealed that students feel safe at school and appreciate the multiple recesses. However, some concerns were raised about unkind students and difficulties with focusing and inclusion.

Staff Survey Results and Gala Discussion

Michelle Stewart discussed the staff survey results, which she plans to share with the staff and the board. She also mentioned that she will share the entire PowerPoint presentation with the staff, including the staff information. Michelle expressed her satisfaction with the current goals and action steps on the Lcap, which align with the concerns raised in the survey. She also mentioned that she will discuss the volunteer hours with Emily. PC asked about the student surveys, to which Michelle clarified that they are not anonymous but private. Martita had to leave early for a meeting, and PC moved on to discuss the Redwood Gala with Katy.

Casino Night Gala Planning Discussion

Katy proposes changing next year's gala to a Casino Night theme. The event would include casino games, potentially a silent auction for large ticket items, and possibly a band for the last hour. The group discusses logistics, including how to handle fundraising aspects within legal constraints, prize options, and ticket pricing. They agree to gather more information on costs and venue requirements before making a final decision. PC reminds everyone about the upcoming parent lunch at her house and requests RSVPs. She also mentions that Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up, and volunteers are needed for various tasks. Lastly, she brings up the upcoming Open House and the need for volunteers.

Parent Club Plans Open House

The Parent Club discussed the upcoming Open House event, focusing on food and fundraising opportunities. They decided to hire a taco truck and organize a bake sale, with the option for people to sell merchandise. The bake sale will be labeled with ingredients to accommodate allergies. The Parent Club will use Venmo for transactions. The event is expected to raise significant funds, potentially exceeding the earnings from merchandise sales. The Parent Club also discussed the possibility of having a bread-making contributor.

Parent Club Officers Discuss Plans

The Parent Club officers discuss plans for the upcoming year and review the financial status of the organization. Emily is set to become the new President, Lena will continue as Vice President, and Martita will remain as Treasurer for another year. Michelle agrees to take on the role of Secretary after learning about the responsibilities. Martita presents the financial summary, showing that the club has raised close to their \$85,000 goal, with a net income of \$19,000 after expenses and the school grant. The officers plan to discuss how to allocate the remaining funds, potentially considering the endowment fund or school requests. Martita also mentions the need to file tax returns by May 15th and suggests opening a higher interest-bearing account for the club's funds.

T-Shirts and Parent Lunch Updates

PC discussed the need for additional T-shirts in various sizes for the new kindergarten and first-grade students. Michelle Stewart mentioned that she would need 17 T-shirts, including some for a new fourth-grade student. PC agreed to check the inventory and possibly place a special order. Michelle also shared that the kindergarten and first-grade students would be together in the morning, with the TK students joining later. PC agreed to send an email to Jeanette with the new dates. Angie asked if the parent lunch could be extended to her dedicated volunteers, which PC confirmed. Emily suggested that teachers should personally share the invitation with their best volunteers.