

**09/20/2022 Agenda Minutes PPTC
General Meeting**

	Meeting started at 6:30
1. Welcome - Cynthia	<p>-Executive Board introduced themselves called to order: 6:36</p> <p>35 in attendance Dr. Jennifer Tomita Diane Milinkevich Janet Pablo Chandra Zarembinski Kyle Lei Ariana Amanoni Micah Ho'omalua Thomas Snyder Jennifer Gonnelli Corinne McCombs Peter Tomita Elisa Arevalo Azadeh Yousefuand Roula Gayrard Lezra Chenportillo Amy Pimental Liese Santana Jamie Hamilton Elizabeth Chang David Chang Anna Hogan Ramona Souza Elisa Arevalo Cynthia Paule Rajiv Kumar Zia Kumar Alyssa Ginn Matt Ginn</p>

	Peter Tomita
2. Superintendent Ahmadi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Superintendent proud of partnership between families and leadership and proud of teachers and hard workVisited school that first day, best part see teachers and kids excited along with parents-declining enrollment in California, students missing in every district around us-CV has 234 more students, no declining-small school not having combination classes really fortunate to have so many students added-in awe of what our students are able to do and work our teachers are doing1st grade descriptions of what they want to be, the way they're writing and thinking a critical piece-our kids are really critical thinkers and using intellect to communicate, proud of all the work to get here-everyone can now have meals at school for free-not everyone has means to have meals so now everyone can eat-families that have means to pay (have advisory group 23 High schoolers who told her that for secondary schools have paper 24/7 tutoring in every language and every subject-Most critical was have meals for everyone for free-happy to have students not worried about food-pushed for re-opening of schools and asked for funding of testing and for ongoing funding which was why we could finish negotiations last year for this year. Employees deserved it to get compensation increase, employees worked really

	<p>hard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -talk to local legislators like assembly person Bill Quirk was critical in responding -7 or 8 years ago students could take CTE course instead of art or music the law was about to sunset and they said if in two days if it's not extended, all CA high schoolers who took CTE wouldn't be able to graduate. Bill Quirk immediately pushed at state to make sure it happened -ongoing stable funding is key from state Calkids said now funding to deposit into accounts for students for college so anyone who qualifies for free/reduced meals so we encourage everyone to fill out the form Now funding to pay for some students -board said we never cut social workers -our adult school is one in a million didn't cut it when everyone else was cutting them -now have opportunities for families for young people or for families who can finish high school at adult school -advocacy is important -works with board members who are focusing on what is best with kids -4 years ago prop 98 goal is to have CA in top 10% of budget and allocations to schools, we were 48/49th now we're closer to middle. Board members kept saying top 10%
<p>. Board Trustee Kusiak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -one of our more special school sites -thanks for perseverance during pandemic in keeping school community together -new parents please volunteer and help school

community

-really excited about school lunch program and hearing great responses and seeing change in quality of program this year

-asks for feedback from students in our district
-really happy to be here

-Loves questions and conversations

-we have received infusion of cash to support mental health and now have 11 social workers

-his wife is a licensed clinical social worker but thinks parent community needs to be thoughtful about mental health of our kids take advantage of the resources we have

-voice to see we need to continue to fund mental health

-talk about wellness more holistically about safety of our kids our mental health of our children

-focus on destigmatizing stigma around mental health

Audience Lezra said thanks for our pride flag their family flag recognized by their kid and new to the community

-Kusiak says CV is coming into its own and CV history was predominantly white community that wasn't very accepting

-heartening at school board meeting for families who showed up

-Working to dismantle perceptions of our community showing diversity at our school community

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29% Latino

25% white

17.9% mixed race

24% Asian

Focus on equity is reflected in the diverse cabinet

and diverse students

Ahmadi first Superintendent woman English learner abd immigrant

Asst. sup human resources Latino

Asst. education services African American

CTO Filipino

Try best to be very responsive to what students need.

Data points to something special happening in castro Valley, NYT had map and can zoom in CV westside more latino slightly, east side slightly more Asian see diverse neighborhoods don't see segregation, something different here that you don't see in other communities surrounding us

Roula question ask for enrollment update since our school still has $\frac{1}{2}$ split and she says split is most common at that level. In this district, never seen it, 34th year in edu, and superintendent in Pleasanton and before in Fremont principal Combinations done here really effective here with great staff

Enrollment is attendance area try really hard to have anyone who applies for interdistrict transfer comes here and that's why we don't have combos in other grades. Based on neighborhood

Dr. Tomita PlayCv has been a big plus more families can come here and have the after school program

Kusiak says trigger for 4 and 5 combo slightly larger class sizes at that grade. Kusiak's son last year was

Anna said before pandemic we never had a combo because of the jump from 25 to 30 class size and try not to have $\frac{3}{4}$ because it doesn't always work with the sizes

-Kusiak saw disinvestment in public education

	<p>during great recession and was concerned going into pandemic and we had flood of resources coming into our schools. Think 3 years out for budgeting process, state of CA budget based largely on taxes, economic downturn can be scary.</p> <p>-ongoing commitment to things that came into the pandemic but good to see we're seeing increased enrollment which allows for programs</p>
<p>3. Dr. Jennifer Tomita Principal message</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-always great to have superintendent come and visit, she visits multiple times a year and goes into classrooms to see what's happening-she pushes Tomita's thinking around what we're doing for kids on daily basis-thanking returning staff members, last year was one of toughest years on staff was rough. We survived and came back and are here and have new team members-didn't have resource teacher for quite awhile and are very grateful to parents at Palomares who have students in that program and have been patient and calm about situation-teacher now Miss Me-Smith started last week and is getting to know community, teachers and kids and is starting to pull kids and work with them that need extra support-school psychologist was hired and Miss Lopez knows our school and is coming back to us-Miss Dow our new RTI teacher-Miss Aragon worked with Mrs. Trevino in RTI and had two paraprofessionals, she retired and hiring freeze and since then-if interested in being paraprofessional apply to school district found someone Miss Mann but they're moving to Atlanta

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -our new PE teacher Coach Stu started with us it has been great -% choir Mr. Skinner because MS teacher out at maternity leave so Miss Billings our regular choir teacher is at middle school covering until Miss Bowler gets back and then we can have Miss Billings back -reminder: conferences this week make sure to attend your child's conference, if you missed it or need to reschedule please reach out to your teacher -Picture day next Wednesday -parent academy 3 parent education nights during the year -easier to attend for virtual parent nights -had different topics math, science, college/career readiness, counselor presentations now rescheduled to october -first Friday of every month after Friday flag have coffee with principal informal time for families to get together and talk to her and ask questions Sometimes we have a topic sometimes we just spend time together -no school on 10/17 staff dev day in our -also have school site council our governance team made up of staff Catrina, Collard, Tomita, Pipkins Mr. Ginn, Ms. Pimental and Lisa Santana and Rachel Main voted in, meet 4-5 times per year talk about school safety plan, site budget, goals and get data around how kids are doing CAASPP testing for 3-5
<p>5. Budget - Kyle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -one of 2 treasurers for PPTC this year -Treasurer's report our bank account has \$95, 261 and also have pay pal account with \$1200 so far this school year spent \$1400 t-shirts for kindergarten, insurance, costs for website

maintenance, and food for meetings

-draft budget

Second page of handout is draft budget for this school year is 2 pages lots of items on there

-before going into detail giving thanks to budget committee who talked about what should be included was really helpful to Kyle he was new to the board and thanks to Peter who went to both meetings who supplied background information

4 columns the one on the right is what we're proposing the other columns are 3 of the 4 past school years 20/21 school year didn't bring in much or spend much so he excluded it

-draft is based on what we spent in last years and committee budget meeting

-sent out survey to teachers and school staff and based on those put ideas into budget e.g.

kindergarten class needs 13 new desks

-very last line of budget in past we took in money

-board wants to do a lot, doesn't want money sitting in bank account

-want to spend the balance down a bit by \$16,000 but that number is conservative

-revenue from fundraising and memberships guessing about \$28,000 but weight bring in more than estimated

-costs lots of ideas on this page and might not do everything might spend less than they're proposing.

-big budget items one is campus beautification, campus was left alone over covid so hoping to change that \$5,000 for that

Want more assemblies this year Roula has lots of great ideas budgeted for it

-trying to bring back Bay Area Children's Theater

-trying to bring back music program

-as of right now no watershed festival

-this is our first general meeting of school year,

purpose is to hopefully vote on and approve this budget if it can't be

-it's a rough document not spending exactly that much or taking in that much

-if we need to add items later on can vote on future meetings

-Watershed festival to fund science learning when the teacher retired

-realistically not sure if that's enough funding to host watershed festival for ourselves

-watershed festival was a grant that was spent a little of but \$34,000 was set aside for when Miss Johnson retired for when they could fund another teacher aside. She would come in twice a week to take kid out in creek

-still holding onto reserves

Peter asked how many k and 1st grade parents know what the programs were and questions

-we're a federally protected watershed

-watershed festival is huge project that school used to put on every single year was just a big science festival that the county would bring in a lot of resources, Miss Johnson retired

Staff would come together and put together full science day and other district's 3rd graders

would come in and 4th grade would run it from San Leandro etc have 1,000 kids here. Miss

Johnson retired teacher here was backbone of it all she came in from the county working with it

she'd do water testing and tadpole hunting and learn about native plants. Wonderful experience

we had here that's one of the programs

-told recently not having watershed festival but need to work with county to talk to about grant

money, we're not touching money set aside for that

-Peter explained Bay area children's theater used

to come onto our campus and put on production a musical kids would dress up, sing and dance and perform at CV performing arts building

- used to be 3, 4, and 5 but small school so 1 and 2 was there. Would come in and do after school program and do rehearsal time and do 1 ½ hrs for several weeks and big production

Music program someone comes in to teach woodwinds, bass,

- another Palomares parent k, 1, 2 taught every friday and teach every single class music, rhythm and so on
- PPTC parents can bring in and fund
- we're trying to focus on steams programs

PPTC money raised focus on supporting staff and bring the fun programs and try to support in class and also outside

- after school doesn't have to be done as much by PPTC when they have play cv

-question from Lezra junior naturalist program was Miss Pipkins would take second graders and after school program and take people down to creek

We don't know condition of trails so that's why beautification to clear out ,

- pre pandemic had parents come and tour campus and walk trails and see amenities this school has
- Hoping Miss Pipkins wants to continue junior naturalist program and wants to set aside funds for her
- Anna audience says we need beautification needs to be done
- Cynthia plugs beautification program usually Friday after Friday flag have parents stay to help clean up certain area per Dr Tomita
- it can be a different way

Parents came in nad weeded and took care of

planter boxes on saturday

- want to have different options up to beautification committee and talk about what that would look like and what things to focus on
- Dr Tomita needs to know to check in with MOT to get approval
- Anna audience asks can we clear trail quicker if we reserve facilities and if they get permission from MOT director can't take union work from union people so have to check, painting has to be approved
- had steps painted was approval from MOT building of rails on beautification was project approved by MOT because talked to parent to be sure it was safe as a railing.
- a process need to go through to make sure it happens as long as we have plan and man power and get it cleared.
- Matt asks for Maintenance and repair things district has budget need clarification for who covers, these are just ideas put out there. Dr. Tomita needs to find out what we can and can't do.
- can put in trouble tickets all the time for things to get fixed and goes into queue
- idea was kindergarten garden area and wanted to secure it from turkey or deer
- Ms. Milinkevich mentioned deer eating pumpkins
- parents can run beautification and garden club don't have anyone to head it
- we're trying to form committees

Dr. Tomita says you can choose something you're passionate about

- Corinne asks to clear trails now and a secondary in spring
- 6 or 7 parents got together before school started and tried to clear overgrown situation above amphitheater
- a lot can be done amongst families talking

about it and creating a plan

-notice something needs to be fixed or beautified
don't have to wait until official beautification day.

-ideas or observations feel empowered to

-money Gonnellis donated a while ago to
purchase new board

-Elisa said come to us with questions and
suggestions and know that we work with
teachers and principal to make sure everything
we're doing and seeing

-inflation and community moving out be
responsible to make sure core programs can
expand and not just last two years but can exist
for longevity of school. Feel free to reach out with
any questions

-love having lots of volunteers and even group
sharing and programs we do that allow different
grades and teachers can get them ready for
middle school

Time check: it's 7:30

President thanks for ice cream social and thank
you to Corinne for ice cream social

-yearbook -\$700 it's profit showing it's cost of
goods

Anna said we switched company for yearbook
three years ago and went from Lifetouch to Tree
Ring every yearbook we cover cost and have
couple of bucks for fundraiser, whatever extra
we have is used for a couple of free yearbooks
who can't afford it mainly for fifth graders

-we can roll the money over in Tree ring or ask
for check from them. The money collected in
there has been rolled over have around
\$300-400 in the account now, yearbook isn't
losing money

-fundraising in April for hawk a thon has those
funds still that were raised and now trying to
raise money this year as well raising money for

	<p>two years, don't expect this level of expenditure next year as well that's why budget is inflated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -before we do vote any questions or comments -parent asked for lego and odyssey of the mind clarification <p>Legos was science after school program brought to Palomres and was volunteer run by parents</p> <p>Legos was focused for k and 1 and legos encouraged 2, 3, 4, 5 to do science projects with legos and have local regional and state competitions we could compete in but this was pre-pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -started program and would like to bring it back but need to work with play cv to see what type of science they're bringing back -kits are here and were not utilized -really excited about this year, Roula said it doesn't mean we're going to be able to do ever program done in the past but super important that we vote on the budget today doesn't mean we can't vote and change some things around -would love to get headstart on school year -budget is guideline and ideas we have, doesn't mean it can't change based on membership votes -Matt motioned to approve budget and was seconded by Connor's dad -budget approved unanimously
<p>4.</p>	<p>Cynthia shared out papers with committee interest for helping for entire school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jenn asked if we can do Friday and Saturday for helping beautification -want an idea for who's interested in what -Peter mentioned it's nice that we're small and hard that we're small so we need lots of volunteer -Chandra plugged book fair and sign up genius very small sign up windows and sign up genius

	<p>was sent fun to see kids choose their books -ice cream social pictures shared with meeting, kids enjoyed it and got ice cream and parents enjoyed it -was second event after picnic -without parents and membership, need to pay for membership to fund ice cream and other events -ideas for events that would be fun please share with PPTC Plugged website and pptc.hawks@gmail.com and please share ideas Dr. Tomita said this first meeting is so long with details and going forward shorter and more focused Thank you for Corinne for taking the photos</p>
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<p>5. Open to the Floor</p>	
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting concluded at 7:42</p>