



**Portola High School PTSA
General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023**

Attendees: Dru Desai, Dolly Malani, Jenny Hwang, Angela Whitney, Matthew Whitney, Caroline Suh, Jennifer Wainwright, Marissa Ruminson, Patricia Villegas-Bonno, Sherwynn Knox, Megan Samarin, Julie Hosokawa, Mimi Chen, Qizhi Chen, Bitu Karabian, Thao Lim Blair, Vanessa Beverly, Adrienne Roman, John Pehrson, Desmond Stevens, Hina Sidhu, Ivy Hopkins, Jane Wood, Cali Smith, Officer Melissa Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Irvine Resource Officer Porter guest speaker.

****Report:** Mr. Pehrson reported that this was the best attended PTSA meeting in Portola history. He also reported that Portola is the largest school in IUSD with approximately 2,500 students and growing. IUSD is not currently considering boundary changes as the growth is expected to stabilize in the next 5-6 years. Mr. Pehrson spoke about the e-bike registration process and the positive impact it has had on safety.

****Report:** Mr. Stevens reported that athletics and the arts are in full spring. The first grading period ends on September 26, 2023 with grades available on Aeries on September 29, 2023.

***Report:** Jane reported that Marissa Ruminson has been appointed Parliamentarian and discussed the updated PTSA website maintained by Megan Samarin - www.portolapta.org. Contact information for PTSA Board members is available on the website.

The 05/17/23 minutes were shared on screen and adopted.

****Action Item:** PTSA general meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the website going forward.

****Report:** Jian Qiu was not able to attend; Mimi Chen presented the Treasurer's report.

Motion: Mimi Chen moves to adopt the budget for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Seconded by Patricia Villegas-Bonno. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Motion: Mimi Chen moves that the Treasurer be allowed to pay all ordinary and necessary bills as outlined in our adopted budget. Seconded by Patricia Villegas-Bonno. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Motion: Qiqi Chen moves to adopt the audit report for account ending 7855. Seconded by Mimi Chen. **MOTION ADOPTED**



Motion: Qiqi Chen moves to adopt the audit report for account ending 1090. Seconded by Mimi Chen. **MOTION ADOPTED**

****Report:** Patricia reported on incentives being offered to encourage PTSA membership among parents, staff, and students. Our current membership stands at 410.

****Report:** Mimi reported on the success of the Back to School teacher and staff buffet and the National Merit Scholar pizza lunch. The Reflections contest is open and all students are encouraged to submit their entries by October 22, 2023. The K9 Student Store is operating daily with many new volunteers interested in assisting.

****Report:** Julie reported that the pledge drive, which is PTSA's biggest fundraiser, has raised \$8,211 to date.

****Action item:** Julie is working on correcting the company match option on the Totem donation website.

****Report:** Dolly reminded PTSA members to keep track of their volunteer hours.

****Report:** Marissa mentioned that she will be putting together the Nominating Committee for next year's Board in November. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or being on the Board should contact Marissa.

****Announcement:** IPSF Ambassador, Grace Chen, was not present, but she wanted to announce that IPSF is holding its Igniting Potential fundraiser on September 27, 2023 and the annual IPSF giving day will be on October 19, 2023. More information is available on IPSF's website.

****Announcement:** Dru announced that Grad Night tickets are on sale now. The early bird pricing is \$150; prices will increase to \$200 on January 1, 2024. A question was raised about scholarship opportunities for grad night tickets. PTSA does have scholarships available; the Grad Night Committee will inquire further.

****Announcement:** Marissa announced that social studies teacher Virginia Nguyen is hosting a three-part Zoom series called Building Bridges: Empowering Asian American Families in OC. The series is open to everyone and will focus on mental health issues related to the pressure to perform. Additional information is available at aaactioncenter.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 10/18/23.