



Present:

Thea Carlson – from PATH
Amy Daly
Carolyn Doherty – President of PATH
Laura Gideon
Sylvia Hagge – from PATH
Sue Hammarlund
Becky Leveque
Wendy Moore
Elaine Woo

Agenda Completed:

1. Representatives from PATH attended to debrief us on their priorities for Castlebay.
2. Castlebay is 40% minority without bussing. 7% of students are on a reduced lunch plan. 40% are required to be on such a plan to qualify for Title 1 money. That money is designated for a specific purpose: PE, music, art, computers, and school supplies. Title 1 money amounts to \$187 per student. PATH's objective is to make up for the lack of Title 1 monies to provide as good an education as the disadvantaged kids get.
3. Currently Castlebay has a nurse one day per week to complete IEP paperwork. Parent volunteers are needed to help with this.
4. The district provides a music teacher for 3-5th grade for one semester. In this age group they are learning the recorder.
5. PATH funds a full time computer teacher, PT music teacher, PT art teacher, and this year a PE program. Students get 1 hour a week of computer, 1 hour of music half the year, 1 hour of art half the year, 1 hour of PE. These salaries are \$86,000 per year. The state mandates that students get 100 minutes of PE per week. But teachers vary in actually doing this, because there are so many other priorities. Having a specific PE teacher helps to make that happen.
6. Last year, PATH asked each family for \$500 and had 27% participation. This year they have 40% participation. Next year they will ask for \$200 per child and hope to increase participation. Their total planned budget is \$129,000 (see link on Education page for details). They have raised \$65,000. They need to raise the balance through fundraising activities.
7. 36 computer lab computers will need to be replaced in the computer lab in the next few years. More computers are required for the classrooms. We have already given 4 computers to the Y after school program. And 5 to Castlebay. We would like to see how many computers we can give to bring Castlebay closer to the standard of new schools which have 4 to 5 computers in each classroom.
8. We discussed combining 2 music classes for the music teacher to teach at one time, so that those classes could then receive instruction two times per week.



Carolyn Doherty will check with music teacher and Vivian Ihori, Principal on the viability of this idea.

9. We discussed staggering school start time to reduce traffic congestion. Kindergarden starts at 8:10. Everyone else is at 8:20. Traffic pile up starts at 8:15 and is gone by 8:25. We decided that it did not warrant staggering the start time any further.
10. There will be an informational meeting for the community regarding the new school in March or April. It will be hosted by LAUSD. The new school development oversight committee meets every 6 weeks for the purpose of making sure the project stays on track. This is a small group of people including representatives from the Councilman's office, LAUSD, S&S, and the PRNC.