1. Call to order, welcome and reading of our Mission Statement. Sign-in sheets, class parent letters, info-sheet of ways to donate and budget sheets were provided.
2. Reading/Approval of June Meeting Minutes
* Didn’t happen
1. President’s Report
* Introduction of the board members
* Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month! (bi-lingual attempt and distribution of Hershey’s kisses)
1. Principal’s Report
* Ms. Guido and Ms. Reyes welcome everyone and introduce themselves.
* The school’s budget is fine, classes are fully staffed.
* The science curriculum (grades 5/6/7) is chunked in middle school in preparation for Regents.
* The school started a pilot program teaching Spanish in 2nd grade
* The ‘Music in the Brain’ program is starting.
* Siona is still teaching the violins.
* We do have band and chorus.
* In October Miss Carina starts the dance program.
* We also have CHALK , a Columbia affiliated program.
* The school is looking into utilizing an app called ‘Go Noodle’ (for use during inclement weather?).
* Our recess policy was explained (kids will stay inside only in case of rain or if temperature dips below 32 degrees Fahrenheit).
* This year we are trying out a different model of recess for our Kindergartners. Ms. Reyes and Ms. Guido explained that teachers will take out the kids to play before sitting them down for lunch.

Parent Question: How many trips do the kids go on?

Answer: The children go on at least 2-3 trips per year.

Parent Question: What’s SEM?

Answer: Ms. Guido explained our School wide Enrichment Model.

Parent Question: What is SLT?

Answer: Ms. Reyes and Ms. Guido explain our School Leadership Team.

1. Treasurer’s Report
* Presentation of the Budget:
* Kristin presented the entire budget and explained each category in detail.
* No questions for category 1
* No questions for category 2
* No questions for category 3
* No questions for category 4
* Danielle Strauss motioned to vote on the proposed and presented budget and Juan Batista seconds it.
* Vote:
* In favor: 48, opposed: 0, abstained: 0

1. SLT Report
* Introduction of the SLT members (some present, some absent)
* CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan)
* CEP Parent Compact was highlighted in today’s meeting (stapled to the agenda), membership was asked to read it at home and to please give feedback.
* Wellness Goal:
* Kristin explained and mentioned our school being awarded for our Wellness Program as the runner up for NYC, the award being handed to our school representatives by Chancellor Farina.
* We do have monthly workshops at the Allen Pavilion (Maggie Velez and Kassandra Fjotland sit on the council at the Allen Pavilion, hence our collaboration).
* We need parent volunteers to oversee recess & cafeteria.
* We will try to work out Cafecitos (the upcoming was cancelled due to weather forecast).
* There is going to be a mural painted on our school’s wall by our students.
* We are a water culture school (awareness and also getting a new water fountain)

Raffle Time: Nr 31 and 41 won.

1. Old Business
* There is no old business – we are a new board and plenty of new members, starting fresh.
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* Class Parents:
* Short explanation in English and Spanish, Maggie Velez is the point person to approach.
* By-Laws:
* We want members for a by-laws review committee, call for volunteers
* Title 1 Committee:
* Extra support for our title 1 families
* You do need to be a title 1 parent to be the head of the title 1 committee, but you don’t have to be a title 1 parent to be on the committee.
* Call for volunteers
* A vote on the Title 1 Committee is coming up in October.
* Title 1 means you qualify for free lunch
* Title 3 means you are an English learner
* Walk-A-Thon: (for the arts)
* The Walk-A-Thon will be on October 19.
* Our students will receive a packet with a pledge sheet and information and will have time to collect pledges/money up to 2 weeks before and after the event.
* Short mention of the ‘Crowd-Rise’ portal online and its great potential
* Picture Day:
* We have negotiated a new deal with our old vendor (Freddy) and parent volunteers for this event are needed.
* More information coming in October
* Adopt-A-Tree:
* Danielle Strauss introduced our school beautification efforts under the leadership of Dave Thom. Our tree guards are parent built and donated so are the flowers. Adopt-a-tree was explained and there are 600 bulbs of daffodils that wait to be planted at this event. The kids will plant them in our flower beds, but we will need plenty of parent volunteers to help.
* Cooking Classes:
* Cassandra Fjotland coordinates cooking classes within our Wellness Program, please come see her.
1. Adjournment