

2015-2016 General PTO Meeting

MINUTES

Date: September 14, 2015

Time: 6 pm, Library

Attendees: Kelley Brunner, Jill Rees, Joan Roth, Janet Schwertley, Heather Smith, Tammy Thaete, Susan Bell, Gayle Sjoblom, Christie Strack, Dana Shaw, Dave Shaw, Christian Becker, Lan Thomas, Mike Church, Terri Noll, Nancy Chan, Heather Brown, Lisa Abeln, Maria Martinez, Aimee Smith, Clyde Smith, Stephanie Fierro, Susan Fraioli, Laura Cook



Introduction of PTO Board The Executive Board introduced themselves.	Mrs. Brunner Principal
Vote to approve name change from General PTO meeting to Colina Community Meeting Joan addressed the group regarding a vote to change the meeting name from General PTO Meeting to Colina Community Meeting. Gayle motioned to approve, all were in favor.	Joan Roth Secretary
IXL Subscription for Third Grade Third grade team discussed the IXL Subscription program for Third Grade. IXL is a subscription for Third graders (as well as other grades) to participate in a computer based program to enhance the learning of common core math as well as Language Arts. This program can be accessed at school as well as at home. This is a program that will prepare the students for the Az. Merit State Test. It is a one year program that the PTO would evaluate if we would continue to pay for the upcoming years. Available to all grade levels but vote is currently for the third grade students. The cost is \$1350.00 for 100 students. Joan motioned to approved, all in attendance were in favor.	Third Grade Team
Budget Jill briefly reviewed the Colina PTO budget line items. We have earned \$311.64 in smoothie sales, \$243.97 in direct donations, \$646.70 in shopping rewards and \$550 from Zzeeks for our first Family Dinner Night.	Jill Rees Treasurer

<p>DiscoverRoom</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner addressed the group in regards to the new DiscoverRoom that will be opening October 13th.</p> <p>Children and teachers are able to go to the room during lunch periods to explore, create and participate in various projects, experiments and activities. Teachers are also able to use this room for science projects as well as a science lab and staff development.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner obtained a grant for \$5,000 from a contractor that went towards this room and the PTO donated \$1000 for this school year.</p> <p>We will need 1 lead volunteer who will set up the weekly schedule as well as 20-30 additional volunteers to handle the school year. Each day the DiscoverRoom will need 2-3 volunteers to work 1 ½ hours during the lunch hour. Should the room fall below the number of volunteers needed, the room is closed for the day.</p> <p>We are looking for all sorts of donations for this room including batteries, cotton balls, recyclables, old CD's, science kits etc. Look for the Coyote Box out front to donate these items.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner passed out volunteer forms for those interested to volunteer. Parents do not need any science knowledge to volunteer.</p>	<p>Mrs. Brunner Principal</p>
<p>Centennial and Colina Liaison Role</p> <p>Susan Bell is the Colina Advisor for the Centennial Middle School PTO. Susan passed out the Centennial sports schedule and informed the group of the 11/5 fine arts program outdoor concert that starts at 5:30 pm.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions on anything, they can email Susan at jbsbell@cox.net.</p> <p>A PE teacher at Centennial has been diagnosed with lung cancer and the school is participating in a fundraiser to raise money for medical costs. They are selling wristbands for \$5 and all proceeds go directly to the family. Stop at Centennial or contact Susan to purchase a wrist band.</p> <p>One parent asked Susan about an after school choir/instrument program but Susan was unaware of this. She had emailed the district but has not heard back. Mrs. Brunner will contact the district to find out if this program exists and will let the parent know.</p>	<p>Susan Bell Colina Advisor/Centennial PTO</p>
<p>Kash for Kyrene</p> <p>Christie Strack and all of her siblings are former Colina students and her children attend school at Colina now.</p>	<p>Christie Strack</p>

<p>Christie is a Real Estate Agent for Keller Williams. She and her 12 associates participate in the Kash for Kyrene program.</p> <p>If you are in the market to purchase a home and go through Christie or her associates, they will donate \$500 back to the school PTO. If you use Christie please make sure you let her know you are a Colina parent.</p> <p>Christie passed out flyers to our parents with additional information on this program.</p>	
<p>Open Positions</p> <p>The PTO is looking for people to chair/volunteer for these events:</p> <p>Moms & Muffins; Mother/Son Treasure Hunt; PTO Website; Turkey Trot; Teacher Appreciation.</p> <p>The PTO is also looking for additional Grade Level Liaisons. Please contact Janet if you are interested in any of the above.</p>	<p>Janet Schwertley President</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother/Son Treasure Hunt Friday, 9/18. • Costco paper drive is set for 9/19 from 7-9 pm. For every \$100 spent, Costco will donate 1 ream of paper to the school. • Direct Donation Campaign - \$10 Tuesdays; starts on Tuesday, September 15th. For every \$10 donated children would have the option to participate in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you donate \$10 by 9/22 you will receive 1 can of Silly String to “string” Mrs. Brunner. Limited to 1 can per student. Parents can only purchase 1 can. Multiple purchases of this item not permitted. ✓ If you donate \$10 by 9/29 you will receive 3 strips of “Duct Tape” to tape Mrs. Brunner and Mrs. Thaete to the wall. Limited to 3 strips of tape. Parents can only purchase 1 (3 strip) ticket. Multiple purchases of this item not permitted. ✓ If you donate \$10 by 10/20 you will received 3 balls to throw at the Dunk Tank to dunk Mrs. Brunner or a secret guest. ✓ If you donate \$10 by 10/27 you will receive 1 raffle ticket to win a Wii U. ✓ If you donate \$10 by 11/3 you will receive 1 raffle ticket to win a Mini iPad. ✓ If the parents would like to donate additional money towards either raffle they can, but the cost is \$10 for 1 raffle ticket. 	<p>Janet Schwertley</p>