

2015-2016 Executive PTO Meeting

MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2015

Time: 3:30; Conference Room

Attendees: Janice Osieja, Jill Rees, Joan Roth, Heather Smith, Kelley Brunner, Tammy Thaete, Stephanie Fierro, Susan Fraioli, Laura Cook (4th grade liaison)

Absent: Arlen Sykes, Janet Schwertley



Non-Profit Organization – Support our School

David Gilmore

David Gilmore presented the Just4Kids Foundation. They are a Private 501c3 that partners with PTO's to help them earn money through carnivals, school activities as well as Amazing Jakes.

In the past they have donated 3800 backpacks towards Glendale School District. Teachers and principals can go to their website and request grants for various things such as field trips, basketballs and other things that benefit the kids.

They are in the process of building an outdoor and indoor camp and skateboard park off of the 202 in Mesa. Complex is on 120 acres and completion expected in 12 months. This camp follows the school districts standards for academics as well as provides team building for employees.

If we want to partner up with Centennial Middle School to have a carnival, they handle all the work which includes extra insurance to cover schools and teachers as well as renting out space to food vendors. Instead of selling tickets, he sells unlimited ride passes. We would need to help get volunteers to run the carnival. Part of the proceeds goes back to the schools as well as to him for his Foundation.

If we wanted to have a Family night at Amazing Jakes, it is \$20 a ticket which covers all rides. Events can be held M-Th between 5-9:30 pm.

Mrs. Brunner will speak with Jackie Mattinen to discuss renting school space to food companies for possible carnival should we decided to have one.

Kash for Kyrene

Christie Strack

Christie Strack is a former Colina student and her children attend school at Colina now.

Christie is a Real Estate Agent for Keller Williams. She and her 12 associates participate in the Kash for Kyrene program.

PTO would let Colina parents know via list serv emails and/or flyer that if they are in the market to purchase a home and go through Christie or her associates, they will donate \$500 back to the school PTO. Christie has met with Jackie

<p>Mattinen at the school district and was advised this was permissible as long as it is handled similar to a FDN.</p> <p>Christie will custom make flyers to our specific needs with information on this program.</p> <p>Christie plans on attending out September General PTO meeting to speak with the parents about this program.</p>	
<p>DiscoverRoom Coordinator</p> <p>Discovery Room is now called DiscoverRoom.</p> <p>Oslynn addressed the group to let us know how this room will work. 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.</p> <p>We plan to open ours October 13th.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner obtained a grant for 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>Oslynn and Marni will participate in the September General PTO meeting to address the parents regarding this new Science room.</p> <p>They are looking for all sorts of donations for this room including batteries, cotton balls (just to name a couple). Mrs. Brunner will put out donation boxes for specific items.</p>	<p>Oslynn Benjamin</p>
<p>Decades Dance/Mother and Son Pirate Adventure</p> <p>Nothing was presented to the PTO.</p>	<p>Janet Schwertley President</p>
<p>Budget</p> <p>Jill went through each budget line item.</p> <p>Jill attended the Scholastic Book Sale and purchased \$600 worth of items with our Scholastic Bucks. Jill found out Scholastic Bucks do expire.</p> <p>Jill is looking for a new accountant as we had another fine from the IRS. Accountant is to write a letter to IRS in regards to this fine. Miss Smith suggested a former Kyrene teacher with the last name of Cranson but Jill is also looking into the accountant that Basis uses.</p>	<p>Jill Rees Treasurer</p>

<p>Direct Donations</p> <p>Since Janet could not attend the meeting, Mrs. Brunner suggested she send the PTO group everything in regards to the Direct Donation event via email for approval. This approval should probably happen quickly as we planned to do this in September.</p> <p>We briefly recapped that students would purchase balloons for a set price to throw them at W.A.T.C.H. Dogs as well as Mrs. Brunner and Mrs. Thaete.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner received a Cerritos listserv email and they too are working on their Direct Donation event. Mrs. Brunner liked a blurb that they use and will send the PTO this information for our donation flyer.</p>	<p>Group</p>
<p>Reverse Osmosis System for Teacher's Lounge</p> <p>Four staff members have approached Mrs. Brunner about a reverse osmosis system for the staff lounge. Miss Smith looked up the Kube and has the following information:</p> <p>The system itself is \$249.95; \$69.95 for filter replacement kit.</p> <p>Filters can last anywhere from 1-6 months depending on usage of system.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner will speak with the district maintenance department to see if this is something that they will do customer service on and maintain. If facilities will not provide maintenance we would need to decide as a group how we would handle this or possibly look into something else such as a water cooler.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner will contact the principal over at Milenio in regards to their system as well as what the district maintains, if any.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner will get back to the group via email or next Executive Board meeting.</p>	<p>Miss Smith</p>
<p>IXL Subscription for Third Grade</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Because the cost is \$1350.00 this needs to go to the September PTO meeting for a vote.</p> <p>The entire third grade group will attend September General PTO meeting to present.</p>	<p>Miss Smith</p>

<p>After School Activities</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner received an email from a single parent who is concerned that the PTO activities are for certain groups that doesn't allow her to participate with her child. Mrs. Brunner addressed the email with the mom and let her know that she can participate in multiple events including the Daddy/Daughter event as anyone can bring their daughter.</p> <p>Mrs. Brunner will send information to Christian for our newsletter to let families know that all are welcome at school events. Jill has also let parents know that they are more than welcome to chair events that they would like etc.</p>	<p>Mrs. Brunner Principal</p>
<p>Additional Discussion</p> <p>We need to vote at the September General PTO meeting to approve the name change from "General PTO meeting" to "Colina Community Meeting". The September meeting needs to remain a PTO Meeting until the vote happens. If we change it prior to this meeting we will NOT be able to vote on any agenda items. It is a catch 22 so this vote needs to happen first. Once we receive approval, Joan will amend bylaws.</p>	