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Kyrene de la Colina

Community Meeting

August 22, 2018

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called by Christian Becker

Attendees: Christian Becker, President – Gina B, Vice President – Jessica Workman, Treasurer - Becky Bracken, Secretary – Maria Martinez, Advisory Board – Kim Hartwell, Advisory Board – Marcella Alvarez, Advisory Board — Kelley Brunner, Principal

Absent: Amy Mathis, Advisory Board – Leslie Wilkerson, Advisory Board

6:00-6:05 **Introduction of PTO Board 2018-2019:** (Christian Becker)

6:05-6:20 **Welcome to the new school year:** (Kelly Brunner) The theme for this school year is, *“Like campfires and marshmallows, we’re better together!”* The theme represents the staff’s primary objective for the year, which is to make sure every student and every family feels welcome, connected and an important member of the Colina community. To further that goal, Mrs. Brunner and Mrs. Peiper are making calls to each and every Colina family. So far they’ve made around 50.

Mrs. Brunner is looking for all input about how the school can do a better job of reaching out to and including the community in the campus. Please email her with any suggestions.

Colina is also looking for volunteers to help in the school. From organizing games on the playground to working in the Discovery Room, please reach out to Mrs. Brunner if you would like to pitch in. Regarding the role of volunteers on the playground, one attendee suggested having adults serve as *“playground gurus”* to help organize inclusive playground games which engage every student.

“I want everyone in the community to know they are part of this,” Mrs. Brunner said.

Anyone with suggestions for Ms. Brunner can email her anytime at kbrunner@kyrene.org.

6:20-6:25 **Budget report 2018-2019:** (Jessica Workman) So far there have been two deposits into the PTO account, \$555.36 from Fry's Shopping Rewards and \$595.18 from Peter Piper Pizza from last year's Family Dinner Night. So far the PTO has spent \$187.05 on printing and operating costs.

6:25-6:45 **Upcoming events:** (Christian Becker) Upcoming events include the 8/30 *Back to School Party at Skateland*. The \$3 entry fee benefits the PTO.

The *Harvest Hoedown* is coming up on October 26. Gina B. is the chair of the Harvest event and would appreciate any volunteers who would be willing to help plan and staff the evening. There will be a petting zoo, food trucks, including Taco Santo and other attractions.

Buffalo Wild Wings is also offering a fundraising opportunity for the PTO. Students were sent home with a card, which when presented at BWW through October 31 will donate 10 percent of the bill to the Colina PTO.

Read-A-Thon and *Spring Dance* both still need someone to chair the events. Please contact Christian Becker if you're interested in taking either of these events on.

Reading Wall is ongoing and a way for kids to earn free books by tracking their reading.

Directory and PTO list: Last week a link should have been sent to each family from their students' teacher to sign up for the Colina Student Directory and opt into the Colina PTO email list. Families on the PTO list will be first to know about ticket giveaways and other opportunities.

For more information or to find out how you can help, email colinapto.org.

6:45-7:00 **Art Masterpiece :** (Monica Thorensen) Volunteers are needed to help run the school's Art Masterpiece program, where adults give a presentation to students about a notable piece of art, its history and run an art project based on the piece. The lessons, including PowerPoint presentations are already done. It's an easy and fun way for art lovers to engage in the classroom. Email colinapto@gmail.com for more information .