

MINUTES

Kyrene de la Colina PTO

Executive Board Meeting

August 7, 2018

3:00 to 4:30 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 – Kevin McDonald, Teacher Advisor – Kelley Brunner, Principal

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

3:00-3:05 **Welcome:** (Christian Becker)

3:05-3:10 **E-mail responses:** (Christian Becker) Christian reminded all board members it's required to respond to all community member e-mail communications within 24 hours. All in attendance agreed to meet that standard.

3:10-3:15 **Volunteers needed:** (Christian Becker) Christian is still looking for volunteers to chair Staff Appreciation and Read-A-Thon. Becky said she would be willing to take one or both events if no one else was interested. Christian said most of the up-front work for Read-A-Thon has already been done. All required forms for this year have already been completed.

3:15-3:20 **PTO Room:** (Christian Becker) As a reminder, the PTO work room is Room #29. Kelley wanted to remind the Board there is still some stuff being stored outside of this area and Christian said she would arrange to have it sorted.

3:20-3:30 **Meet the Teacher:** (Christian Becker) Feedback for Meet the Teacher was overwhelmingly positive. Some suggestions to improve include: Moving line to get teacher names to the wall surrounding MPR and having PTO and other tables fill in the middle to offer more space to line up and provide each student family with a map with highlighted route to teacher classroom. The student portal early access was a success and Ms. Brunner said she would like to continue next year. The Sno Cone truck seemed like it worked well and no one reported any complaints about mess from teachers or staff. Truck owner, Denise Bee, agreed to make a supply donation to Colina, which is appreciated.

- 3:30-3:35 **Fry's Drawing Winner:** (Christian Becker) Ms. Brunner pulled the winning ticket from the Fry's sign-up drawing. Congratulations to Claudette Craig for winning the \$25 Fry's gift card. It will be delivered to her student this week at school.
- 3:35-3:45 **Budget item:** (Christian Becker) The Board approved adding \$200 to the budget to find more Parent Incentive Drawings; \$100 to boost Fry's sign ups and \$100 to boost Community Meeting attendance.
- 3:45-3:50 **Spirit Wear:** (Christian Becker) Most kids have turned in their slips of paper giving their size preference for PTO Colina shirts, about 375 so far. Christian is working to get shirts distributed to students. There have been many requests from families to allow online purchases of Spirit Wear. Becky Bracken agreed to research options and cost.
- 3:50-4:00 **Buffalo Wild Wings:** (Christian Becker) Christian has BWW fundraiser cards for students to present at Buffalo Wild Wings to earn money for Colina PTO, Cards will be sent home with students on 8/8.
- 4:00-4:15 **Skateland Party:** (Gina B.) PTO hosting Skateland party on 8/30. Entry is \$3, which is what goes to PTO. Skate rentals, games and food are available at an additional cost. Last year's party raised \$600 and Gina is anticipating even better participation this year based on last year's success. Save the Date cards will be distributed by teachers at Curriculum Night. The Minions are the theme of the party and Skateland will send folks in Minion costumes to Colina to mingle with students at lunch and get them excited about the event. The only problem last year was an enormous line for pizza, which Gina has been assured by Skateland will not be an issue this year.
- 4:15-4:30 **Harvest Hoedown:** (Gina B.) Gina, who is the Chair of the fall event again this year is working in advance to get everything locked in ASAP in advance of the event. The petting zoo is all set up, working to contact a reptile handler – both will be 2 tickets per entry. She will contact the 8th Grade NJHS students and ask them to volunteer and help staff the event. Dr. V is putting together a Marimba band this year, Gina will reach out and see if the band will be ready to perform at the Hoedown. Mr. McDonald will help put out a call to various student groups to see if they would like to sell anything at the event. Regarding food trucks; PTO should seek to include vendors who are willing to give some part of the event proceeds back to the school or PTO. Can be in the form of teacher meals, supply donations or other, but PTO should consider this when contracting for future events.

