



January 17, 2017, 7:00 PM

## Minutes

In attendance Areli Perez, Becky Lee, Kendra Boone, Thirmanda Zavala, Jorge Ayala, Mayra Johnson, Melinda Hafenrichter, Kit Neel, Anthony Hansen, Leslie Smogor, Jill Podzimek.

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Questions for Administration – Parent questions can be submitted anonymously on forms at meeting or via PTO web site.
3. Approval of November Minutes – Motion to approve, first Becky Lee, second Kit Neel.
4. Budget Report
  - a. Budget – \$20,000 fundraising goal met! 60 Chromebooks and 2 carts purchased. \$5,000 stretch fundraising goal in progress, to purchase playground equipment for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teacher grant funding is in addition to these goals. Budget income updates reviewed, including \$853 profit from Ladies' Night Out, \$231 profit from Prom to date and approx. \$1,500 total from restaurant nights schoolyear to date. The second set of 30 Chromebooks and cart were purchased for approx. \$17,500, and \$569 was paid for PTO Today annual membership and insurance. Motion to approve, first Jill Podzimek, second Kendra Boone.
5. Old Business
  - a. Ladies' Night Out – Great turnout of approx. 60 ladies, including 3 ACES teachers; raised \$853 between tickets and raffles.
  - b. Teacher Grants – Math resources for Mrs. Courtwright and Mrs. Griffiths, slab roller for Mrs. Dusek and high-interest books for Ms. Hulka all approved and purchased; math resources and books to be delivered at 1/18 staff meeting.
6. Principal's Report
  - a. District – ACES featured in Heart of the Fox at 12/12 District Board meeting – great turnout and energy! Two Board members visited ACES last week for spelling bee. The Board, along with District administration, is invited for Ellis Island simulation this week.
  - b. December Service Project – Students made thank you and holiday cards for community businesses and organizations.
  - c. MAP / AIMS / ACCESS / PARCC Assessments – K – 6 students, excluding Dual Language kindergarteners, completed MAP math and language arts assessments in

December; parents to receive reports 1/20. Average scores range from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. Test results will be used to develop grade level improvements goals and programs. ACCESS state assessment for ELL students across the District is currently in progress. PARCC assessment coming soon; sample test by grade level available online for parent reference.

- d. Projections – District currently working to develop projections for '17 – '18 schoolyear – the highest projection for ACES is 740 students. ACES is currently the most crowded school in the District, with 663 students, and new students continuing to enroll; enrollment in some other schools is declining. Some class sizes 24 – 28 students; additional classrooms are needed next year. District administration meeting next week to discuss options. Third party tour confirmed all available instruction spaces are in use. Parents are encouraged to stay informed and involved.

#### 7. New Business

- a. 1/18 Restaurant Night at Culver's
- b. 1/25 Cappuccino with PTO – Relocated to Armenia Coffee.
- c. 2/15 – 2/17 Restaurant Nights at Salsa Verde
- d. 2/25 80's Throwback Prom at The Legion – Tickets available online at [aces-pto.com](http://aces-pto.com); all adults are welcome. This fundraiser is replacing the carnival, so please spread the word! Silent auction donations are needed.
- e. TBD Mother / Daughter WERQ Event – Free WERQ dance fitness event for mothers and daughters, date TBD this Spring. Kids rest zone with pizza and movie in the cafeteria. Music will be appropriate for all ages.
- f. Color A Thon Run 5/21 – To be chaired by Anthony and Angela Hansen, but looking for additional help! Event will continue to be hosted by ACES, but encouraging more community participation by: use of District-owned chip timers, considering monetary incentive for other school registrations (like Wizards event) and participation by other PTOs in after party.

#### 8. Committee Reports

- a. Box Tops / Other – \$1,952 in Box Tops collected YTD. 516 Labels for Education and 355 Coke Rewards; great volunteer turnout in December, next count 1/27 at 6:00 PM. 56,220 Shoparoo points YTD, on pace to surpass last year. Q2 classroom prize, silly string a specials teacher, to take place at Friday assembly. Mrs. Bornemann won Q2 teacher award, and Mrs. Bivens won pick-up / drop off duty pass. 4<sup>th</sup> grade won the November pajama day. Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Reinke's classes won December cotton ball snowball fight prize. January prize is popcorn and a movie; February prize is 15-minute dance party; March grade level prize is superhero day.
- b. Restaurant Nights – Upcoming plans include Culver's in January, Salsa Verde in February, Rosati's in March and Foxy's in May.

#### 9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.