



February 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

## Minutes

In attendance Kendra Boone, Thirmanda Zavala, Mayra Johnson, Jorge Ayala, Wendy Peterson, Areli Perez, Becky Lee, 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 January Minutes – Motion to approve, first Wendy Peterson, second Jorge Ayala.
4. Budget Report
  - a. Budget – \$20K technology fundraising goal met and all Chrome Books purchased. Profits from Prom event will be applied to stretch fundraising goal, which already includes approx. \$2.4K in savings from second order of Chrome Books. Color Run proceeds will be used toward 2017-18 schoolyear initiatives.
5. Principal's Report
  - a. District – District administration and other school principals recently completed school improvement visits. Assessments are used to create scores by District, school, class and student. ACES scores continue to improve, and the school achieved expected growth in both math and reading. Interventions are in place for students with low growth scores.
  - b. Assessments – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will complete PARCC testing 3/15 – 4/28; some tests will be online, some will be paper. There are 3 ELA and 4 math tests, for 7 total days of testing; material may not have been covered in class prior to the test. Special accommodations will be made for various student needs. Parents are encouraged to be positive about testing, and minimize any related student stress. More information and practice tests are available online at [parconline.org](http://parconline.org). ELL students just completed ACCESS assessment.
  - c. Kindergarten – New kindergarten student nights at YHS 3/7 and 3/8; childcare will be provided; a separate Dual Language information night will follow.
  - d. Summer School – Summer school program approved by Board, including Summer Experience for students who need extra help in reading or math.
6. New Business

- a. 2/15 – 2/17 Restaurant Nights at Salsa Verde – Extended through weekend.
- b. 2/22 – Cappuccino with PTO
- c. 2/25 – 80's Throwback Prom at The Legion – Approx. 75 tickets sold to date; still available online at aces-pto.com, and at the door.
- d. 3/3 – Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Event with 4H Spanglish Group
- e. 3/15 – Restaurant Night at Rosati's
- f. 4/6 – Mother / Daughter WERQ Event – Free WERQ dance fitness event for mothers and daughters. Kids rest zone with pizza and movie in the cafeteria. Music will be appropriate for all ages.
- g. 4/19 – Food Truck Festival Restaurant Night at ACES
- h. 4/20 – 2017-18 Schoolyear PTO Board Nominations Due; Elections at May Meeting
- i. 5/1 – 5/5 – Teacher Appreciation Week – Theme TBD, Volunteers Needed
- j. 5/2 – Family Fuel Up
- k. 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 participation from other schools by contributing \$10 per registration to home school PTO. Positioned as summer kickoff event, to include obstacle course, YHS band, DJ and photographer.
- l. 5/25 – Restaurant Night at Foxy's

#### 7. Committee Reports

- a. Box Tops / Other – Approx. 15K Box Tops, 545 Labels for Education and 638 Coke Rewards collected YTD. January class prize movie and popcorn; February class prize dance party. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter prize administration rainbow hair day; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter staff prize jeans day. Next count 2/24 at 6:00 PM.
- b. Restaurant Nights – Restaurant nights have been very successful, raising approx. \$1.7K YTD. Upcoming plans include Rosati's in March, food truck festival in April and Foxy's in May.

#### 8. Miscellaneous

- a. Office Snacks – Parents are welcome to donate shelf stable snacks to the office, like protein or granola bars, for students who do not have a snack.
- b. School Board Elections – ACES parent Jorge Ayala announced himself as a write-in candidate for School Board; elections will take place on 4/4.
- c. Rock Wall – Equipment purchased but not deemed safe for installation based on new District rules; a single, pre-fabricated piece would now be required.
- d. School Drop Off / Pick Up – May be topic of discussion at next PTO meeting.

#### 9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.