



March 21, 2017, 7:00 PM

## Minutes

In attendance Kelly Harris, Tricia Venderlinden, Angela Hansen, Kendra Boone, Melinda Hafenrichter, Wendy Peterson, Maritca Barraza, Nancy Vivaldo, Areli Perez, Jorge Ayala, Kit Neel, Thirmanda Zavala, Pedro del Corra, Becky Lee, Anthony Hansen, Leslie Smogor, Jill Podzimek.

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Questions for Administration – Parent questions can be submitted anonymously on forms at meeting or via PTO web site.
3. Approval of February Minutes – Motion to approve, first Angela Hansen, second Kendra Boone.
4. Budget Report
  - a. Fundraising Goals – \$20K technology fundraising goal met; 60 Chrome Books and 2 carts purchased with District discount, delivered and in use. \$5K stretch fundraising goal in progress, to purchase playground equipment geared towards older students; administration to provide request so equipment can be installed for use this year.
  - b. Budget – Includes \$2,071 from Prom event and \$125 from Salsa Verde restaurant night.
5. Principal's Report
  - a. Board Meeting Update – Parents are encouraged to attend District board meetings and review meeting documents; only two parents at last meeting.
  - b. Board Elections – 4/4; District parents Ayala, Fapp and Catula (sp?) are running.
  - c. Assessments – PARCC assessments completed in approx. 3 weeks, compared to approx. 6 weeks last year; new Chrome Books were helpful.
  - d. GOTR – Girls on the Run running program began, for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, with social / emotional curriculum.
  - e. Dual Language Kindergarten – Info night 4/4, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.
  - f. PT3 – Parents Teachers Talking Together meeting for families of students with IEPs 4/5, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.
  - g. YEA Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser – 4/7.
  - h. District State of the Union – 4/8, 4:00 PM; goals and strategic plan will be presented, with student assembly prize for school with highest attendance.
6. Old Business

- a. 80s Throwback Prom – With approx. 70 in attendance, raised \$2,100, \$1,150 from silent auction alone; will consider general – not 80s – throwback prom for next year.

#### 7. New Business

- a. 4/6 – Mother / Daughter WERQ Event: Free one-hour dance fitness event; attendees are encouraged to bring donations for Kendall County Animal Control.
- b. 4/19 – Food Truck Restaurant Night: ACES, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- c. 4/20 – PTO Board Nominations: Must attend 3 of 5 previous meetings in order to vote.
- d. 4/20 – Teacher Grant Proposals: Requests now require prior principal and District approval, and should be submitted one week before meeting. In order to request a grant, teachers must volunteer for one PTO event and attend one PTO meeting this schoolyear.
- e. 5/1 – 5/5 – Teacher Appreciation Week: Looking for parent volunteers! Those interested can attend kickoff meeting 3/22, 7:00 PM, at Starbucks. Theme is TBD.
- f. 5/2 – Family Fuel Up: Family breakfast and book fair.
- g. 5/16 – New PTO Board Announced
- h. Color A Thon Run 5/21 – Event expanded to summer social, with lots of community participation and activities. Other schools encouraged to participate; portion of fee returned to home school PTO. Fox tails for all participants, and prizes for top fundraisers. Proceeds from this event will be used toward 2017-18 schoolyear initiatives.

#### 8. Committee Reports

- a. Box Tops / Other – Approx. 17K Box Tops, 623 Labels for Education and 979 Coke Rewards collected YTD. Amazon Smile generated \$43 YTD, plus 77K Shoparoo points this year – Shoparoo points accrue through the summer, so keep snapping receipts! Request to mention BTFE prizes and winners on weekly ACES calls to increase participation. Next counts 3/23, 7:00 PM, and 4/26, 5:30 PM.
- b. Restaurant Nights – Restaurant nights have been very successful, raising approx. \$1.7K YTD and keeping it local! Rosati's results to come; ACES PTO to receive 20% of sales and top class pizza party; if 50+ students participated, staff receives a pasta party. Food truck festival in April and Foxy's in May. Looking for new committee chair next year.

#### 9. Miscellaneous

- a. Parent Participation – Request for more parents to participate in PTO to continue success of past several years! Currently, few parents participate, and it's difficult to sustain activities with limited involvement.

#### 10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.