



ACES PTO MEETING

August 29, 2017

Minutes

In attendance Anthony Hansen, Kendra Boone, Laura Regelbrugge, Elaine Snay Del Coval, Jenna Shaw, Heather Claxton, Traci Poss, Sara Odenbach, Bridget Winz, Kit Neel, Jewel Wacker, Maureen Courtwright, Brian Owens, Magda Emmert, Jill Roberts, Jordan Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Perla Menchaca, Susan Stasinis, Ariel Perez, Laura Balles, Melissa Turner, Kristin Phillips, Leslie Smogor, Mayra Johnson, Melinda Hafenrichter, Christina Majka

1. Call to order- Meeting called at 6:00 PM by President Leslie Smogor
 - Everyone in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves and shared the age of their children
2. Questions for the Administration- Leslie Smogor at this time asked if there were questions that anyone had for the Principal Mayra Johnson or Assistant Principal Melinda Hafenrichter.
3. Budget Report- Presented by Treasurer Kristin Phillips
 - a. Fundraising Goal- Presented this years goal, a shade structure for the play ground.
 - b. Kristin Phillips went over the budget of 2016/2017 and then what the projected goals are for the 2017/2018 year
 - c. Introduction of the teacher reimbursement- up to \$50 for certified staff from the PTO.
 - d. Motion to approve the Budget – first Maureen Courtwright and second Heather Claxton
4. Old Business-
 - a. Vice president Laura Balles talked about the Boo Hoo Breakfast and the great turn out in the PM. Principal Mayra

Johnson spoke about the great response she received from the parents.

b. Back to School Bash- Huge thank you to Wendy Peterson who headed the B2SB and all those who helped. This was the first event that the inflatable obstacle course was used and the kids loved it. Melinda Haufenrichter gave positive feedback. Maureen Courtwright added that she liked the B2SB being held after the start of the school year because she knew her students.

5. Principal's Report-

a. Principal Mayra Johnson spoke and gave the official number of students in ACES. 705 students enrolled at the start of the school year.

b. Highlights for the new year.- Every 4th grader will receive a Chromebook. The will be passed out on 8/31/17.

c. New safety protocol is in place. All staff will have the red lanyards and any visitors will have the bright green lanyards. Everyone must sign in and out of the office when visiting the school.

d. First fire drill practice. All 705 students and all the staff cleared the building in 3 minutes and 59 seconds.

6. New Business-

a. President Leslie Smogor talked about the upcoming fall fundraiser and how this fundraiser has been very successful for the school.

b. Trunk-or-Treat- Secretary Melissa Turner gave a brief description about the first Trunk-or-Treat that the PTO will be hosting.

c. Harlem Wizards event is set for Saturday October 21.

7. Committee Reports-

a. Kit Neel talked about Box Tops and Box Top counting night will be starting up soon. ACES has a Box Top facebook page- Team ACES Box Top. Other collection programs include Coke Bottle Tops. Label for Education which will run through early December and then that will end. Kit also gave a brief introduction to the Tyson Chicken program. . A new possible program that is being looked into is the Project Green Recycle. They pay the school for small electronics that are broken or even working.

b. Restaurant Nights – Christina Majka spoke on the first restaurant night of the year, South Bank BBQ. ACES will be getting a check for \$360. The next restaurant night is September 20 at Culvers. Our ACES teachers will be working this night.

8. Open Forum- The question that came up is how do we get crossing guards? Mayra Johnson spoke about how she has been working and talking with the alderman about getting it set up.

9. Adjournment- Leslie Smogor called an end to the meeting at 6:58 PM