

October 2008 PTO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Call to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendees:

Anne Kelly	Erika O'Neal	Lisa Martin	Susan McCartan
Becky Youman	Gretchen Biltz	Logan Milliken	Susan Sweeney
Bryan Estep	Jennifer Serlin	Marnie Wilking	Tami Updegraff
Carol Berg	Joe Rodrigues	Mary Reynoso	Teri Skillman
Cat Dragon	Johnna Miller	Maryann Kinghorn	Terri Kellen
Donna Gaetano	Kristi Bigelow	Michelle Gilmore	
Donna Phelps	Laralyn Galizia	Sandi Rodrigues	
Elaine Jones	Leslie Mitchell	Stacey York	

Principal's Report –Terri Kellen

Congratulations on the success of Donuts for Dads. There has been a lot of positive feedback from parents and teachers.

PEP Committee – Marnie Wilking volunteered to participate. Six others volunteered. We have begun the process for the School Improvement Plan. We need to focus on reading and informational text (non-fiction). Cooking, following directions, etc. is informational text. Help your child read the books and point out the differences.

Every Day Math – we had a math night last week and had a great turn out. The consultants were very complementary about how genuine the questions were. There is a hand out on Every Day Math and the url for the website. The website has games, etc.

Secretary's Report – Kristi Bigelow

MOTION: To approve the minutes: Donna Phelps Seconded: Maryann Kinghorn Vote: All in Favor Minutes entered into record

Treasurer's Report – Donna Gaetano & Maryann Kinghorn

MOTION: To approve the financial report: Becky Youman Seconded: Donna Phelps Vote: All in Favor Treasurer's report entered into record

Request for Funds

From Mrs. York to attend the Love and Logic Institute meeting to be able to train other teachers about the strategies - \$99.00

MOTION: To approve \$99 for Mrs. York to attend: Susan McCartan Seconded: Jenn Serlin Vote: All in Favor Approved to allocate \$99 for Mrs. York to Attend Love and Logic Institute
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OLD BUSINESS

Box Tops, Labels, Tyson A+ - Donna Phelps

The drive was very successful. Donna will try to get them all counted before the assembly on Friday to announce class winners. Please let Donna know if you are available to help her count them.

Membership Drive – Raquel Ikei

We're at about 63% of participation. We need to make another push to get memberships. We will distribute a form with the directories.

Cookie Dough Sales – Laralyn Galizia

Laralyn turned in \$550 tonight. The price increase was only \$0.15 more than last year – cost is \$6.45. Orders are due Friday, please turn them in to teachers or the office. Laralyn needs help counting money on Saturday afternoon. Delivery is Tuesday, November 19th in the afternoon.

Directory – Carol Berg

Carol just received corrections and will make them, format the directory, and then turn it into the printer. They should be ready after Fall Break. They will go to the oldest sibling in the family.

Committees

Still need volunteers for committees, sign-up sheets are on the shelf by the computer lab

Pumpkin Patch

We are holding meetings on October 15th and Oct. 22nd at 6:00 in the school library. We need candy donations for Pumpkin Patch – a flyer will go out the Monday after Fall Break. Raffles are being handled by Erika O'Neal and Pam Kirby.

T-Shirt Sales Rep

Tami Updegraff volunteered to sell t-shirts the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month and for special events

Class Pictures are Friday, October 3rd

Used Book Fair – Sandi Rodrigues

The sale is Tuesday, November 18th through Friday, November 22 on the stage in the cafeteria. Sandi will be getting coffee every morning and invites parents to browse through the books. Book collection starts the week before the sale. She needs volunteers to help sort books the week before the sale and during the sales week. Open for Thanksgiving Luncheon. We need donations of plastic grocery bags. We will hold a classroom contest again this year.

Ink Cartridge Recycling – Carol Berg

We have made \$130 already. Becky Youman is helping Carol with the program.

Grocery Store eScrip – Pam Kirby

Pam has done a great job. Visit the office and get information about registering your cards.

Ice Maker was serviced and additional water line was installed at a cost of less than proposed.

Donuts for Dads – Joe Rodrigues

Allen at Starbucks at the Pavilions donated all of the coffee. Joe appreciates all of the help and the attendance. Logan suggested that we do it again in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – Prop 105

This proposition states that a "majority of registered voters must vote yes on increases". If you vote "Yes" on 105 means – that if you are registered to vote and you don't vote, you essentially cast a "No" votes. A "No" vote means that only votes that are cast, count.

Prop 202 – A "Yes" vote means that the monies from fines from business that are fined for hiring illegals will help fund education and health care costs for the children are here with their illegal parents.

Candidate Forums

Thursday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Hopi to ask questions of the school board candidates.

School Consolidation – question and answer

Lincoln Gardens is very concerned about Pueblo being consolidated with Navajo on the Mohave site.

Jenn Serlin, who has a Doctorate in Education Psychology and smaller schools, even with larger classes, promote better education than bigger schools with smaller classes. There are also better social and behavioral outcomes.

Ms. Kellen stated that it is very important to deal with the district in a very respectful manner. The next two years will be the hardest ever for Arizona schools, so something has to be done.

Ask people to give you their e-mail addresses so that we can keep everyone informed. You can do that by sending an e-mail to Secretary@pueblopto.org (link through the PTO website).

There isn't a petition. Please e-mail opinions to Johnna Miller.

Announcements

The next meeting is November 3 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION:	To Adjourn: Sandi Rodrigues Seconded: Maryann Kinghorn Vote: All in Favor Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
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