

December 2009 PTO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Becky Youman	Jenn Serlin	Michelle Gilmore	Susan McCartan
Vicky Martell	Jocelyn Ross	Robyn Arnell Brenden	Terri Kellen
Carolyn Crook	Marnie Wilking	Stacey York	Amy Strefling

Approval of previous meeting's minutes (Robyn)

Minutes approved.

MOTION: **To Approve Minutes:** Stacey York
 Seconded: Jocelyn Ross
 Vote: All in Favor
 Minutes approved

Scottsdale Prevention Institute Speaker

Scottsdale Prevention Institute/Menaj – presented Scottsdale Prevention Institute services which are paid for by SUSD. Goal of agency is to support mental health, reduce use of drugs, alcohol, etc. promote family and community health. Recent topics include school anxiety, anger mgmt, conflict resolution, self esteem, friendship issues, bullying, divorce support, drug prevention, SHE girl empowerment, parenting workshops, etc. Current year focus is on empathy, anger mgmt. Hours at Pueblo are Tuesday 8:30-2pm and kids are grouped by grade/gender. Pueblo has fewer participants this year. This is a free service to families, and we should look for ways to make families aware of the service (in addition to the teacher referrals). Suggestion was to send email blast to families – Menaj to prepare for Kristi to send out.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report (Robyn)

MOTION: **To Approve Financial Report as Stated:** Marnie Wilking
 Seconded: Jenn Serlin
 Vote: All in Favor
 Financial Report approved

Expenditure Approvals (Robyn)

1. Request to have PTO fund Christmas Angel gifts for the annual SUSD program for up to 10 children @ \$35 each (\$350).

MOTION: **To Approve Christmas Angel Gift up to \$350:** Susan McCartan
 Seconded: Becky Youman
 Vote: All in Favor
 Christmas Angel Gift approved

2. Request to advance \$250 to Mrs. Kellen for Principal's Fund. Discussion ensued regarding allocating the net proceeds from the annual school pictures to the Principal's Fund, as this was how it used to be handled several years ago. The PTO agreed that this money could be earmarked for Mrs. Kellen in the future. However, it was proposed that we release \$250 to Mrs. Kellen now to ensure she has sufficient funds to cover her needs at this time (\$200 was advanced earlier this year, and the full year budget is \$700).

MOTION: **To Approve advance on Principal's Fund of \$250:** Becky Youman
 Seconded: Susan McCartan
 Vote: All in Favor
 Principal's Fund advance approved

3. Campus Beautification- Becky Youman presented proposed use of Pocket Change for Pueblo monies (\$2,200) for campus beautification that would include all kids. Art teachers will coordinate a tile project for all classes. As you Wish is selling tiles to us at a reduced cost, totaling \$1,676 (620 tiles). Project will occur over next 2 weeks; firing in Jan. with dedication at spaghetti dinner.

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MOTION: **To Approve \$1676 for Tile Project:** Michelle Gilmore
Seconded: Vicky Martell
Vote: All in Favor
Tile Project approved

Upcoming Events

Gift Card Sales – last day to order is Dec. 4th
Game Night – Bingo/Raffle Jan 27th (announcement to come)
Family Reading Event – Dec. 11th before school

Coke Rewards (Mrs. York)

Mrs. York raised this topic and asked who manages this program. Michelle Gilmore will get back to Mrs. York. If no one “owns” this, Mrs. York is willing to take this on.

Announcements

Dr. Catalani is holding another “Office Hours” event at Pueblo next week – Michelle will request Kristi send out an email blast to all families to participate.

Open Discussion:

It was suggested that we add “Open Discussion” to agenda for future meetings. Amy Strefling has 2 topics:

1. She feels bullying on campus is a problem at Pueblo and wants to know how this is being addressed. Are there any educational/awareness programs that the school can leverage? PTO will pass this on to Mrs. Kellen for follow up discussion with Amy.
2. Thanksgiving – cultural insensitivity around Thanksgiving celebration activities (kids wearing feather hats, dressing up as Native Americans, etc.). She has shared her concerns with the school administration/SUSD. It was suggested that the PTO pay for some cultural sensitivity/awareness training. Mrs. York responded that the focus in her classroom was to celebrate the role of the Native Americans and it was suggested that this topic also be tabled for discussion with Mrs. Kellen.

Adjourn Meeting

MOTION: **To Adjourn:** Becky Youman
Seconded: Robyn Arnell Brenden
Vote: All in Favor
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.