

Call to order at 6:00

Attendees:

Marnie Wilking	Robyn Brenden	Darrah McDougal	Sarah Rodriguez
Becky Youman	Lisa Schatz	Christina Reuss	Kendra Olson
Jenn Serlin	Jane Roybal	Amy Stedelin	
Terri Kellen	Stacey York	Tracy Hepola	
Becky Williams	Gayle Myzwinski	Kristie Sommer	

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting: Marnie Wilking

Second: Becky Youman

Vote: All

All minutes can be found on the <http://pueblopto.org> website.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Kellen offered thanks to Becky Youman for her leadership and the PTO for a great start to the school year, and thanks also to Becky Williams for coordination in parking lot and to Kelly for being out there consistently.

Mrs. Kellen made annual plea for parent to volunteer for PEP (Pueblo Site Team). Every school is required to have site team. At Pueblo the site team will meet quarterly, discuss tax credit uses, and the school improvement plan. Per bylaws, they are required to have 4 parents, 4 teachers, the principal, and a resource staff member. The first meeting will be in a couple weeks, ongoing meetings will be Mondays 3:30-4:30. Email Mrs. Kellen if you're interested.

Mrs. Kellen reviewed tax credit donations and what they are used for. Tax credits are donations made by Arizona residents that are then credited back in taxes when filing. Anyone who pays taxes in Arizona can donate and receive the credit. Pueblo is currently running very low on the tax credit donations. The Donations fund all field trips, after school programs such as clay club, broadcast club, Spanish club, and after-school tutoring. December 31 is the deadline for making a donation that will count for the 2011 tax filing. Forms are in the office. Donators can claim up to \$200 filing single, up to \$400 filing jointly. Make payments to Pueblo.

Pueblo has something to celebrate in recent test scores. AIMS scores from April 2011 were in 80s and 90s. Schools are judged thru AIMS scores, so having higher test scores improves the school rating. Now school labels will be "grades" (as opposed to the current labels).

Mrs. Kellen opened the floor for questions.

There was an observation that the majority of PTO meeting attendees are FLI parents. Yes, that's been that way for a while, percentage is about 70% FLI to 30% non-FLI in attendance.

There is a rumor that the 6th grade next year will be going to Mohave. Mrs. Kellen confirmed that this is truly just a rumor; the 6th graders will not move to Mohave for two more years. Mohave and Saguario are planning

to incorporate the FLI program. The parents would like to see more meetings around the middle school programs, preferably as soon as possible.

Is Mohave becoming a title I school? Yes, they're applying for it. Remember that Title I funding is based only on the numbers of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch; a minimum of 35% of the student population is required to qualify for funds. The Title I designation does not reflect testing scores or school grade.

PTO President's Remarks

PTO purpose

The purpose of the Pueblo Parent-Teacher Organization is to foster an environment where teachers and administrators can do their best work and students can do their best learning. We support the school, but can't by law hire teachers, etc. We support and build the community as well as the classrooms. Much of the PTO budget goes toward things like the accelerated reading program, library books, scholastic magazine, classroom supplies, teacher training, teacher appreciation, campus beautification, playground equipment, and parking lot support. We also play a role in building community around Pueblo. Many of our events are fundraisers but also have community building role; Pumpkin Patch Festival is a community oriented event that is also a fundraiser. We're also here for the parents. Please contact us with questions, concerns, and ideas.

PTO meeting objectives

The Pueblo PTO is a 501(c)(3). We do have bylaws that we have to follow, including approving the budget. Any item not approved in the annual budget over \$1000 must get PTO approval. Officer elections also have to happen in a certain way. We take minutes, and bylaws require formal approvals for certain items. The meeting is a forum to understand what things are important to Mrs. Kellen and the school. We use the time to hear from committee chairs about what they need for events. The meeting is also an opportunity to voice questions and concerns.

PTO Board and Committee Chair Roles

The Vice President, Susan McCartan, is the point person for chairs to manage events, so any questions should be directed at her initially. Robyn Brenden and Sarah Rodriguez are the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, so all things money-related – from donations to requests for reimbursement – go through them. Homeroom parent coordinator Kristie Sommer is your liaison for contacts into the classroom. Marnie Wilking is the secretary and should be contacted for communications that need to go to the general Pueblo community, or web site updates to the Pueblo PTO website (pueblopto.org). Volunteer coordinator Laura Licon manages the on-call volunteer list, and helps keep lists for chairs. The Event Chairs make our events successful because they handle the planning, delegating, marketing and budgeting for each event. Information about each event is on <http://pueblopto.org>.

Volunteers are very key to holding successful events. The PTO requests four hours per year of volunteer time per parent. We need people to make things happen. Volunteering is also a great way to meet other parents and have a good time.

Next events:

- Donuts with Dads 9/16 (doesn't have to be dads)
- Chipotle night (50%of proceeds will go to Pueblo on September 28 from four to seven)

- Walk or Ride to School Day 10/5
- Pumpkin Patch 10/28 4-8pm
 - The Pumpkin Patch also holds a raffle to help raise funds. We are looking for raffle items if anyone has something of interest or value to donate.

There was a question about teacher supply requests and why some of the teachers didn't seem to realize there is a supply closet. Mrs. Kellen explained that there is new teacher on-boarding, and that they can do a better job of communicating with teachers.

Treasurer's Report

The PTO creates the budget to break even, though we are trying to build a reserve so that we can continue to help the school in the face of budget cuts. The largest fundraising activities are budgeted according to the previous year's results. Getting someone to sponsor items and events is important because we gain more to provide to the school.

On average about 10% of families donate to PTO. There are approximately 660 students in just over 300 families at Pueblo. We would like to find someone to coordinate the fund-raising campaign for the PTO.

Motion to approve 2011-12 PTO budget as documented: Jenn Serlin

Second: Jane Roybal

Vote: All

Other budgetary approvals

- Scholastic Newsletter for each student in each grade, budgeting \$5 per student: Requesting not more than \$3500
 - Approved
- Pueblo Store inventory for Welcome Back Friday and welcome back gifts for teachers: \$1250
 - Approved
- Shade Structure
 - We received a great response to the temporary shade structures. We would like to install more permanent shading. Becky Youman worked thru the district to talk to an approved supplier who quoted \$5472; this proposal is for 2 shade structures, including warranties and the ability to move if necessary. Motion to approve not more than \$5700 to install structure,
 - Approved.

Scottsdale Prevention Institute (SPI)

Janine Welch is the new prevention specialist for Pueblo. SPI has contract with the Scottsdale Unified School District to come in to have small groups for children and one-on-one and classroom guidance if teachers request. The goal is to give children and families coping and life skills. Janine is here five hours a week on Tuesdays to help kids work through divorce, test stress, anger management, social skills and more. She works with groups of students with like concerns for eight weeks. Teachers can refer students, parents can refer their own children. The Referral Forms are in the office.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07