

PTO meeting minutes  
5.11.09

In attendance: Crissy, Jeannine, Chelly, Jennifer M., Karen L., Karen O., Gina, Carole W., Stephanie C., Sarah H., Jodi, Wendy

Welcome: Crissy: Introductions. Got letter about Mr. Sweeney leaving. Every principal except for one has moved onto higher level from SSKY. We knew that his goal was to move up. We have had him for 2 years. Crissy met with him Friday, and discussed a timeline. Want to have community interviews on June 1. Will be pulling together a committee from the school for interview process. They want to announce new principal on June 11. Don't know if there is a candidate in mind. Possible person from Scottsdale district. All PV principals have been placed. One of the biggest concerns is a principal that can handle the gifted program. If you have any thoughts or concerns, email Crissy.

Rebecca and Erin - Crissy told them they don't need to come today.

PTO budget: Karen: Working on completing a budget. Karen listed the top 5 money makers: Carnival, Enrichment, Voluntary Donation, Readathon, Boxtops. Biggest expenses were: Enrichment, Carnival, Teaching materials and supplies, special projects. Hope to cut paper and mailing cost. Money will need to be directly aimed at student needs. People were shocked at how much the carnival made. In past years we have never made much money. There was a worry that money should be going towards other things. Critiquing more on other things. Liked carnival, but didn't think it was meant to be a fundraiser. Made \$12,000. A small group of people weren't sure we should be making money on a community event. It turned into a much bigger fundraiser than anticipated. We need to communicate from the get go that it will be a fundraiser if it is. There is always people who are giving input when they don't know the full picture, or not getting all info. Jennifer M: some people will applaud that we made money, and there are those who don't. Karen: In the past, we have said that our primary focus is community builder, not fund raising. We need to redefine what our goals are. Stress the fact we need more voluntary help in classrooms. Chelly: If you show the budget, it will show a profit for Carnival, and we no longer have 2 major fundraisers, we have 3. Enrichment is a fundraiser. Crissy: But that is not the primary purpose. Could carnival take the place of Readathon as a fundraiser. Crissy: We usually have voluntary donation pushed the beginning of the year. Talked about moving carnival to fall. If so, may not get same response as last year.

Crissy: Went to LINK event, showcase something. We showcased our school tours. Sandpiper has done a bunch of community building event each month. Great way to get people together that doesn't cost all of money. Want to bring that element in. Our budget \$138,800 slated for this year. Our year to date net was \$49,000. We have to fundraise. We have always been a school that advertises no fundraisers like gift wrap or cookie dough. Karen: We had all of more people coming to carnival from outside than the past. Budget ends June 30th. Chelly: Voluntary donation, we say money goes to classroom. What about saying that it will go towards to artist in residence. Mr. Norris, will start in the fall. 5th grade will have Mr. Norris come back for Sing America Sing. Can showcase our artist in residence next year. PILOTS was another idea. Robin Akers and old principal was the creators of the PILOTS. The district got a national award for that program, and district has not given school recognition.

Meeting on budget, plans for next year this Sunday at coffee plantation at 6:30.

Directory: Chelly: Met with Mr. Sweeney. Need a hard copy, can't go green. Have not photo copied yet. Once the directory is printed, hoping week 3 of school. We are going to include a sheet with basic info. Will copy 3 times, for Chelly, Navigator person, room parent. Will have for the new kids for directory. Also form for the option of saying yes, I want my info published, and I wish to receive PTO info via email. Decided at the meeting, not using the data base for email link. Home room parent needs to continue to update the class list.

Crissy: Enrichment, catalog done.

Hospitality: Mrs. Weintraub, called Crissy and said the PTO has outdone themselves. Every teacher got a stapler and Lands End totes.

Marketing: Sarah, Last Monday morning, we talked about the possibility of doing magnets again. Ordered 1000 for \$375. Has all info on it. We will have to send out a save the date card in July about back to school night, and 2 open house nights. Is everyone ok with ordering another set of magnets? Motion granted to buy 1000 magnets.

Jodi and Stephanie: volunteer coordinators: Position is being created as we speak. Looking for a chairperson for secret garden. We need to find people to volunteer. We need a master list of what all positions we need filled, and ask teachers. We need a chairperson for homework club.

Jennifer : Next UPC meeting is June ? Say goodbye to Dr. Kreikard.

Crissy: Back to school night is August 13th. Do we want to do it before or after Desert Shadows. Details will come soon. First week of school please help with traffic.

Karen: Do we want to consider manning those on the 18th and 19th. Making more of a presence.

Crissy: Have 2 grant request from Mrs. Arola, art, and Karen Brosnan. Wants a set of external speakers and headphones. Does not have audio. Do we have extra funding. Art: Native american style pouches \$55. She has already spent it. Can she get reimbursed. 2nd one: Many crafts. \$2000. Part of it is mask making in 5th grade. 4th grade they do weaving. Could we cut jewelry making, or beeding? Copper tooling might be one to keep. Grant requests we budgeted \$3000, spent a little over \$1300. Can we wait till fall. The first one for \$55 approved. Is this something we can ask parents for donation. Carole: Will pick up headphones for and has extra speakers.

Meeting adjourned.