

PTO March 2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:18 pm

Approval of January minutes: Karma motions to approve, Beth seconds. Minutes approved.

- 1) Principal's Report
 - a. Art teacher secured through Optimist Club. Artwork will be displayed at Fiesta.
 - b. Started Rotary reader mentor program. Mr. Wong (used to be with Reading Seed) also came back through Rotary Club and secured nine reading volunteers. Meet with 2nd and 3rd graders for half hour per week.
 - c. Ms. Gallego library celebration took place before spring break. TUSD media posted pictures on social media.
 - d. Spring Title I district walkthrough took place. Feedback was positive. Teachers improved in all areas except one.
 - e. Ms. Campos officially resigned at end of third quarter. Hired new teacher, Austin Rose, who started yesterday.
 - f. Teachers were sent email today that all field trip for April and May need paperwork turned in by Friday. Fifth graders go to Main Event for promotion celebration.
 - g. Budget- whole district is trying to push through funding for positions that were going to be cut due to loss of ESSER funds. Robison losing 28% of Title I funds. District Board meeting on March 26- will discuss funding for next year. Confirmed changes next year: switch from full-time to half-time librarian. Will lose Community Liaison and ESSER-funded TA position. We will have two teachers at every grade level next year. Will keep Title I teachers (STEM- Mr. Taylor and RTI- Mr. Jorgenson), MTSS, CSP. Already hiring some teachers to fill vacancies next year.

- 2) Community liaison report
 - a. Math and Science Night next Tuesday from 5:30- 6:30 pm. Band performance will happen 5:00- 5:30 pm. Fire safety presentation, Desert Museum presentation, U of A Astronomy Club.
 - b. Update on Cafecitos participation- Mr. Taylor had big crowd with tech demos, etc. Next year, ask teachers to announce to parents if they will be at the Cafecito. Also, consider asking outside presenters from TUSD to present at meetings.
 - c. Family Engagement survey- 29 parents responded.

- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Ending balance of \$15,601.15.
 - b. Received three restitution checks for \$100 each.
 - c. Received Kroger check for \$51.98.
 - d. Three checks cashed to Maria, Cafecito reimbursement, and PBIS.
 - e. Kathy requested money for fourth grade field trip parent fees (\$40). Beth motions, Clarissa seconds. Motion approved. Also requested \$21 for another parent field trip fee. Karma motions to approve, Clarissa seconds. Motion approved.
 - f. Kathy suggested giving a gift card to Ms. Emma and Ms. Rina. Clarissa motions to give them each a \$50 gift card to Fry's. Heather seconds. Motion approved.

- 4) PTO Activities, New Business, Parent/Teacher Feedback
- a. Winter concert was very busy and packed. Karma suggests that students watch dress rehearsal during the day, then stay in teacher's classroom during the performance. Heather suggests breaking concert into two parts so K-2 students go first, 3-5 students go second. Karma also suggested having treats in the courtyard to have families go out when children not performing. Also suggested having concert committee to assist music teachers.
 - b. Communication updates- Some info about events like picture date weren't communicated effectively to parents. Ms. Lohn expressed that we are switching picture companies next year.
 - c. PE mandate- Ms. Lohn has informed teachers of the required two recess times per day. Mr. J also offered to help teachers plan structured recess time.
 - d. PTO time and date- Ms. Lohn had two parents say they want to join PTO but can't make the day/time. She suggested sending out a survey giving options for time preferences. Third Tuesdays often fall right before school breaks, as well. Catie offered to make MS Form to gauge interest in times and send out in Monday email communication.

5) Fiesta de las Flores

- a. Event will take place on Tuesday, May 7, at 5:00 pm.
- b. Food- PTO members will research vendors for Sonoran hotdogs, tacos, and/or sweets (raspados?).
- c. Auction- Karma has gift basket info saved on computer and will put sign-up sheet in lounge.
- d. Costumes- Need to ask Mike and Aimee to put costumes on stage for teachers to go through.
- e. Custodial services- Clarissa motions to pay Mike and Aimee \$50 each to clean up. Karma seconds. Motion approved.
- f. Dance choice- Karma will touch base with Ms. Gallego about putting sign-up sheets for dance choices in lounge.
- g. If teachers want to create class art projects to auction off, they can. Parents can also donate items for auction.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 16, at 5:15 pm