

PTO Minutes- January 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

1. Approval of November minutes: Karma motions to approve, Beth seconds. Minutes approved.
2. Principal's Report (emailed to Maria)
 - a. Bond update- bond passed but no monies collected or distributed yet. Will know more after May 2024.
 - b. Robison's letter grade is a "C," one point away from a B. Will devise action plan with leadership team to address and continue improving for next year.
3. Community Liaison Report
 - a. Nothing to report.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Restitution check came in yesterday.
 - b. Scholastic book fair money was off by \$1 so there is positive \$1 balance.
 - c. Cafecito budget has gone over by \$34.16. If Cafecitos will continue this year, we'll need to replenish the funds. Clarissa motions to approve \$100 for upcoming purchases. Beth seconds. Motion approved.
5. Bylaws
 - a. Karma motions to remove Article VI, Section 3. (It's redundant with Article VI, Section 2.) Clarissa seconds. Motion approved.
6. Winter Concert
 - a. Families were very happy to have this event back.
 - b. Cafeteria was very full, students sitting on floor reduced seating capacity.
 - c. Grade level teachers were told music teachers would plan the performance so other teachers had little input on how the event would run. Karma suggested having an event committee so multiple stakeholders can provide input. Heather suggested having two performance times (e.g. K-2nd grade at 5:30, 3rd- 5th grade at 6:30) to stagger audience arrivals.
 - d. Students watched each other perform at dress rehearsal so they can be in classroom before/ after performing at concert.
 - e. Other idea: Have OMA showcase toward end of year so winter concert is just singing.
7. Check request requirements
 - a. Maria created check request form and treasury spreadsheet when she became treasurer in 2017. Lately, folks have been requesting funds by email or not thoroughly filling out form.

b. To maintain uniformity, teachers need to come to PTO meetings to request money. Karma will write blurb about how to request PTO funds for weekly Crew newsletter.

8. Robison money box

a. Since Kathy and Suzette were not available to sell tickets at Fall Festival this year, PTO borrowed their cash box. Maria and Beth removed money that was in the cash box and immediately put it in the storage room closet. After Festival, Maria gave that money back to Kathy. Later, Ms. Lohn emailed Maria stating there were \$31 missing from that box and that PTO needed to return missing money. Although PTO did not mix up or take the money, Maria paid it back out of her own pocket. Karma motions we repay Maria from PTO funds. Clarissa seconds. Motion approved.

9. New Business

a. PE and STEM have been cut from being offered five days a week to three so Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Taylor can run small-group interventions. Due to this, students only have PE once a week, and some students won't attend computer classes at all.

i. Parents are concerned that these classes have been cut. Also, teachers now have CTT planning time cut.

ii. There is a law stating that elementary students in AZ must be provided two recess periods per day: <https://www.azed.gov/pe/recess> PE can count as one recess period.

iii. We noted the challenges that only certified teachers can conduct interventions, our intervention teacher now teaches fifth grade, etc. Still, the law requires these two daily recess periods (as a bonus, research shows they're beneficial for students' academic achievement). ***How can students get the two recess periods required by law while still meeting the needs of students who need interventions?***

Next meeting Tuesday, February 20, at 5:30 pm