

PTO Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2014, LOM Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Kim Baker, Kristen Solheim, Briana Beveridge, Sherry Godfrey, John Martin, Lach Welse, Karen Huttenger, Sue Diaz, Melissa Kovalesky, Karen Konetzni, Dena Wingert, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns

October 2014 meeting minutes approved as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Michelle went over the finances. She paid for Brain Pop and is waiting for a check to clear from Harkins. She also received a check from Escrip.

HARKINS PRESALE: Liza reported for Heidi Kilbourne. We sold \$7130.00 worth of items. We will earn \$1057.50 as a result. All of the stuff should be delivered by 11/21.

FALL FESTIVAL: Liza reported that last Monday, ASU announced that the game on 11/22 will be from 11-3, the exact same time as the Fall Festival. The Board and Liza were very concerned about how would this impact attendance and volunteers. Amy put in a lot of time and effort and we want to have a successful event. We decided to turn it into a Spring Fling and tie it to Read Across America week. So the Fall Festival has been moved to 2/28 and it will now be a Spring Fling. Amy mentioned that this happens to also be the day of the Shadow Rock Preschool Auction, but we don't think it will impact attendance.

DADS ON DUTY: John reported that they are working on getting the dads more involved in the computer lab. He is going to make a schedule so parents know when their kids have computers and they can volunteer in there at that time. Father/Daughter Dance: Last year they estimate that they had over 600 people at the Father/Daughter dance in February. Max capacity in the cafeteria is 575, but they don't think that they had that many ever inside at one time. However, he is thinking of a plan to better manage the amount of people that are coming. Some people are coming with the whole family. He is thinking maybe they need to sell tickets to get a better idea of who is coming.

HOSPITALITY: Liza read some thank you notes from teachers for the luncheon. Everything went great at the luncheon, and there was plenty of food. The cookie exchange is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

CULTURAL ARTS: Briana Beveridge reported that the Harlem Globe Trotters are coming and the AZ Opera will be here in February. The Center Dance Ensemble has a curriculum and they will also be coming in February. The AZ Symphony came last year and they did brass; it would be great if they came back and did a woodwinds one. She mentioned that they are a lot of free resources or inexpensive resources if only the teachers would take advantage. Karen asked if there was a list compiled that we could give to the teachers so that they know what they are.

OPEN FORUM: Briana would like to try and get some food trucks as a community event. 10% of the sales goes back to the school. Kristen mentioned that the other night they went to another school to go to a specific food truck. Liza wants to make sure that they don't conflict with restaurant nights. Kristen mentioned that they already have Barros scheduled for the last day of school. Briana is going to work on setting up some food trucks as an event to build community.

PROPOSED PTO PROJECTS: Liza reported that the SmartBoards have been purchased from the Boosterthon monies. They should be installed in December. We need to buy 10 more (1 in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 6 in

Kinder, 2 CCB, 1 for program coach's room). We can cover these ten with the money from the Direct Drive. They are \$1400 - \$1700 each. They are different prices because some rooms are already outfitted with some of the equipment. We need to approve \$18,312.29 which leaves about \$5,000 in the PTO budget from the Direct Drive. Karen H. asked what happens to the extra money if what we approve is over what it actually cost. Liza called the district office with this exact question. They suggested that we write a letter stating where the SmartBoards are going and what to do with the extra money. Liza said that we need to get on the December Board meeting agenda. Sue said that we should approve the purchase of 10 SmartBoards without money attached. Karen made a motion that we approve the purchase of 10 SmartBoards. Michele seconded it. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting is 8:30 on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 in the Teacher's Lounge