

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Members present:

Ramey Sallaz, Erin Middleton, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Cathy Snelson, Jane Lin, Joyce Anderson, Heather
Also: Jennifer Guy, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Favorite

1. @ 12:11 – Ramey calls meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes:
Erin moves to approve minutes. Mhairi seconds. None opposed.
3. Los Alamos JJAB (Juvenile Justice Advisory Board) Presentation – Family Resource Advocates
 - a. Can coordinate and/or find services for families in need. No charge for use of their services and confidentiality applies within the extent of the law. The resources are for Los Alamos County residents or students at LAPS. They do have Spanish translators available. Referrals can come from self, schools by a formal process with parents approval, medical and behavior health professionals, and peer to peer. Contact info: 505-709-8125; <https://www.losalamosjjab.com/>.
4. Officer's Reports
 - a. Mhairi McKay-Smith for Treasury report:
 - Case Mesita received 2 payments \$400.00.
 - Yearbook orders are coming in. According to the budget estimating \$1500.00 profit. Need more orders. Payment made to vendor for the yearbook.
 - Paid Pajarito for 5th grade ski lessons – took in \$350.00. These will be applied to transportation costs for field trips.
 - School stores purchases of \$105.00 this past month.
 - Ran out of checks, the reorder was more expensive then estimated.
 - Reading night is taking shape. \$391.81 was reimbursed as part of an educational grant request.
 - 3rd grade was reimbursed for an educational grant request, Learning Landscape. Paid for the soil.
 - More mad money is being distributed - \$1256.95.
 - b. Ramey Sallaz for President's report:
 - Yearbook submitted on April 14th. Sold 231 have 350 total to sell. Sending another note out to purchase yearbooks.
 - PTA convention is the 1st week of May in ABQ. Need to know who will be attending.
 - Kindergarten roundup – 45 students attended.
 - No new members in March – 77 members total.
 - c. Principal's report
 - Request to extend deadline to spend mad money to April 21st, approved.
 - Community input being accepted for the state budget requests. The per student dollar amounts has yet to be set. The district meetings are April 20th in White Rock 5:30 to 7 pm and April 24th in Los Alamos 5:30 to 7 pm. Don't expect any changes for staffing. Some cuts will need to be absorbed in the district.

- The 2nd meeting with regards to the traffic concerns in front of the school took place. Not just mountain families attended. The speed signs have been acquiring data, seeing an issue at 10:40 to 11 am and again at 2 am. The data suggests there is no speed problem. But it was recognized there is a congestion problem. Recommendations are to add 2 permanent speed signs; these will continue to acquire data. These will replace the trailers that are out currently. The county is looking at what other mitigations can be done to help. Bump outs, seem to be the most effective, but they will research this idea further. Instead they are considering drawing lines instead of a physical barrier. The research suggests that the visual cue is effective and does not decrease the lane size. They will also increase traffic patrols. The process is going well and the county has been very responsive. Ms. Guy will speak to the district if there is anything else that can be done for the traffic congestion at drop off and pick up. The county council will revisit this issue in a future meeting.

5. Report of Committees

- a. Book Fair – made changes to the times the book fair will be open. Ms. Guy discovered that other schools do not have their book fairs open all day. The hours will be before school, lunch and after school with extended hours on Family Reading night and Tuesday April 25th. Need wish lists for teachers. Book Fair materials will be delivered April 11th.
- b. Family Reading night April 20th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Pizza will be available for dinner. Hillstompers will play 5:30 to 6 pm. There will be several stations for activities. Scrabble club will have a station to kick off the fall start of Scrabble club. Key club and the Football team will come to volunteer. PTA will have a table and the pop up store available.
- c. School supply kits – new vendor. Sample kit was shown and will be on display at Family Reading night. Advertising to parents will start after April 14th. Cheaper than the previous years. The store is open and Ms. Guy will send out the link and info out to parents.
- d. Family Picnic – when will it take place?
- e. Teacher appreciation – May 1-5th. What should be done? Ms. Guy will send an email to the teachers asking what they would like. Some ideas are Mountain School apparel, Zip up hoodies, or massage chair.

6. New Business

- a. Election
 - i. Nominations for officers received and voted on
 1. President – Ramey Sallaz – unanimous
 2. Vice President – Cathy Snelson-Gerlicher – unanimous
 3. Treasurer – Mhairi McKay-Smith – unanimous
 4. Secretary – Heather Walker – unanimous
 - ii. Membership Chair selection – Joyce Anderson

- b. Volunteers – Need to keep asking for volunteers. Joyce has some ideas.
- c. Grant Requests
 - i. Ms. Nichols – Art – Drawing Journals for art for all grades. Not to exceed \$880.00.
 - 1. Discussion – Not sure if the budget will be there or not to cover this expense.
 - 2. Motion Erin, Second Cathy; 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
 - ii. Mrs. Clayton – Garden Wagon. Not to exceed \$150.00.
 - 1. Motion Ramey, Second Erin; 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
 - iii. Educational Grant for Game Cabinet for front office. Not to exceed \$400.00.
 - 1. Motion Erin, Second Ramey; 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
 - iv. 1st grade – active sitting, wobbly chairs. Will rotate chairs in classrooms. Not to exceed \$1049.85.
 - 1. Discussion – Ms. Guy may be able to cover the purchase through referendum funds.
 - 2. Motion Ramey, Second Erin; 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Meeting adjourned at 1:24.