

Mountain Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2017

In attendance:

Ramey Sallaz, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Cathy Snelson, Heather Woodward, Jennifer Guy, Becky Cocina, JeeYeon Plohr, Matt & Yoly Miller, Nora Schillaci Johnson, Suzie Schillaci, Laura Tietjen, Megan Lausen, and Tony Hinojosa.

1. At 6:00 pm Ramey Sallaz calls meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes:
Suzie Schillaci moves to approve minutes. Seconded by Matt Miller. None opposed.
3. Reports of Officers

A) Treasurer's Report given by Mhairi McKay-Smith.

- Budget – motion to approve by Suzie Schillaci, seconded by Matt Miller. None opposed. See Budget attached.
- n compliance with NMPTA filed tax form 990.
- Adding \$950.00 to mad money and \$50.00 to principal's support fund. Motion to approve by Laura Tietjen, seconded by Matt Miller. None opposed.
- Increased 4th grade swimming by \$500.00. Change cost for swimming to \$10.00 per student. Motion to approve by Jennifer Guy, seconded by Becky Cocina. None opposed.
- Increase general grants by \$2,500.00 and educational grants by \$2,000.00. Discussion: Teachers want money for field trips and mad money. Best place to help the lower grades. Motion to approve by Laura Tietjen, seconded by Jennifer Guy. None opposed.
- LANL Employee Giving Campaign starts November 13, 2017.

B) President's Report given by Ramey Sallaz.

- A Big Thank You for the fundraising activities.
- Math night has been postponed to February 23rd and paired with a STEM day. It will be within the school day.
- Yearbook needs volunteers; contact Ramey if you want to help. Cover art contest submissions due November 14th.

C) Membership report given by Heather Woodward

- 3 new members; 68 total members

D) Principal's report given by Jennifer Guy.

- Evacuation Drill was a success – see attached flyer on what the signs mean.
- Advanced Ed visit November 7th. LAPS working on renewing accreditation. See attached report.

- Adjusting start times report was sent out – see attached. Another round of community meetings will take place in the future. If a change were to be made it would change the elementary start time to 8:00 am and end to 3:07 pm.
- Submitted an application for building improvements. Presenting on November 9th. If approved by the State would include such projects as updating the HVAC, roof, electrical, stucco, paint, and cover the lower grade walkway.

4. New Business

A) Grant Requests

- 6th grader, Nora Schillaci Johnson – \$2,600.00 to purchase a single full size soccer goal post for the upper playground. Need additional information from the district and facilities. Motion to table the request until additional information on installation is approved by Matt Miller, seconded by Mhairi McKay-Smith. None opposed. Ms. Guy will bring information to a future meeting.
- Mr. Hinojosa – not to exceed \$355.14 to purchase an additional Project VeX robot kit to support the ten 6th graders going to the competition on December 2nd. The kits will be used for an after school club in the spring. Heather Woodward moves to approve, seconded by Becky Cocina. None opposed.
- Ms. Moore & Ms. Guy – not to exceed \$350.00 to take all the 5th graders to the movie Wonder with other students in Los Alamos County. They will compare and contrast with the book Wonder. The book was a previous grant requested funded by the PTA. Motion to approve by Matt Miller, seconded by Mhairi McKay-Smith. None opposed.
- Mrs. Lopez – not to exceed \$250.00 to purchase building and engineering materials for the 2nd grade classes to build, construct and engineer. Motion to approve by Becky Cocina, seconded by Laura Tietjen. None opposed.
- Mrs. Kirkland – not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase drying racks for art project in the Kindergarten class to free up classroom space. Added Mrs. Martinez to the request. Motion to approve by Jennifer Guy, seconded by JeeYeon Plohr. None opposed.
- Mrs. Nelson – not to exceed \$500.00 to fund the upfront purchase of the Choir and Strike-a-sound T-shirts until money can be collected from participants. Combined the 2 grant requests. Motion to approved by Matt Miller, seconded by Mhairi McKay-Smith. Discussion: Recommend that the PTA make this a line item since this is an annual request. None opposed.

B) Pet Pangaea Secret Shopper Program – Cyndi Wells – postponed

5. Reports of Committees

A) FUNd Run – Committee Chair- Ramey Sallaz – report tabled to next meeting

B) Halloween Carnival – Update given by Laura Tietjen

- Received positive feedback on the wristbands
- Weather was an issue – wind

- Had issues in not knowing how many volunteers would be at the event. The badges were a good idea to identify the volunteers. There were at least 100 volunteers. 62 High School students volunteered.
- Need to prioritize set up and take down for the future.
- May not need to buy prizes for next year.
- Would like an electrical outlet outside.
- Dance-off room did not work.
- Haunted house, cake-walk and bounce houses were the best activities.
- Will change the sign-up so that people are not signing up for a specific game.
- Overall, the carnival was a huge success.

C) Silent Auction – Mhairi McKay-Smith – report tabled to next meeting

D) Teacher Appreciation – Mhairi McKay-Smith – report tabled to next meeting

❖ Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm