



## **October 2019 General PTA Minutes**

October 7th. Call to order at 12:15pm by Kristy Ortega.

Present:

Paula Knepper, Cahntielle Hanson, Ruth Burns, Kristy Ortega, Aedin Laychik, Amanda Padilla, Olivia, Ramey Sallaz, Zoe Roebels, Karen Morris, Chris Bartlett, Mhairi McKay Smith, Tony Hinijosa, Mrs Lopez.

Chantielle moved to approve the September minutes, Zoe seconded. Minutes approved.

### **1. GRANT REQUESTS**

Kristy Ortega briefed on the process for the year: meet with Mrs Kieltyka every month. Grant requests will be due the Wednesday before each meeting. Raneer will scan into system & Ruth will upload to website for membership to view.

Mrs Austin: requested funding for behavior reinforcements. Kristy said that the PTA board had discussed that this did not fall under Educational requests and instead requested that Mrs Austin uses her Mad Money for this expense. She was okay with this and would be reimbursed for her costs in this way.

Mrs Montoya was reimbursed \$21 for beets that were eaten from the 3rd grade garden.

Mr Smith requests \$130 for journals for all 76 5th graders. Karen Morris moves to approve, Aedin Laychik seconds. Grant passes.

Mrs Cook requests \$400 for 2 class book sets "Hoot" and "Walk to the Moon". Will be used by all 68 6th grade students, and following classes. Ramey Sallaz motions to approve, Paula Knepper seconds. Grant passes.

Mrs Rosette (orchestra) requested \$78 for tuners for the Mountain orchestra and advanced orchestra to use. She had already received funding from the LAPS foundation and was asking each elementary to fund the difference for the items used only at their schools. Zoe Roebels motions to approve, Ruth Burns seconds. Grant passes.

Tony Hinijosa requests \$1,110 for Project Vex. Robotics club that travels out of state for events. This year, the first competition will be in Colorado. It is a competitive team, kids had to apply. He has 24 kids (huge growth over last year!) and will need 3 more kits. He has also received funding from Bradbury Science museum. The total cost of the club is \$2560 and he has already secured \$1200 in funds! Ruth Burns brought up what a success story this club has been. Last year the team went to AZ for competition. Out of 90 teams, Mountain Elem won! Karen Morris moves to approve, Zoe Roebels seconds. Grant passes.

Kristy Ortega opened discussion surrounding an extra field trip requested by Kindergarten to go to PEEC. As we have a line item for field trips, no additional vote was required to spend the money, but we wished to inform the membership. Chantielle mentioned using the ACT for local trips as the school had been told there were not enough LAPS drivers at the time.

PTA board informed the membership they would like to purchase a wagon for use at events. Currently, members are using personal wagons & the board feels it would be beneficial to have a PTA one to pass on year to year. Money will come out of Admin line item.

2. Treasurer Report, presented by Ruth Burns as Natalie Morgan was absent due to a sick child.

.Fundraiser Success! We did go over our spending a touch on the water bottles, perhaps \$200.  
.School store update: \$2783 spent, \$284 in profit made so far. Every shirt sold going forward will be profit.

.Book Fair: moved to first week of December. Focus will be on a "Holiday" event.

.Bank balance as of today is currently \$33,500. Membership is encouraged to ask teachers to approach us for money!

3. President Report, Kristy Ortega

There was a September 30th construction update - demolition happening in 100 wing, portables are scheduled to arrive the weekend of October 24th. Discussion around what teachers need to move and will they have days added to their contracts. PTA discussed how best to support teachers during move. Bring coffee?

Esther will be organizing lunches during conference week. Look for Sign up being sent out! PTA will provide lunch on Wed and Thursday, Mrs. Keiltyka doing breakfast on Friday.

Ruth suggested chair massage for teachers? Amanda stressed FOOD as a universal motivator. Ramey suggested a PTA purchased pizza party.

Kristy also mentioned Amazon Smile - please consider designating Mountain PTA as you do your holiday shopping.

Thank you to those who walked in the Homecoming Parade & passed out Carnival flyers.

#### 4. Membership Report, Karen Morris

.78 members currently

#### 5. Fund Run Committee Review - Lessons Learned, Kristy Ortega

.Thanks to Paula & Chantienne for their amazing assistance the day of event!

.Chantienne mentioned perhaps bringing snacks for diabetic concerns. Next year ask Nurse Amy for advice on this matter.

.Need sign for 1st aid for better awareness of location

.chairs for volunteers

.garbage bags

.we did have a noise complaint on Keep It Local. However, PTA had secured all necessary permits to have noise at Urban Park from 9-11am. Discussion around spreading news to neighbors of Urban Park, but it is not a public event, so a bit nervous about making it public when/where FundRun will occur.

.zero waste (using water bottles donated by Kiwanis) was a big success! Much less garbage this year to manage.

#### 6. CARNIVAL - Ruth Burns

.October 19th, 3-6pm. New time due to sunset at 6:30pm. \$10 per child over age 3, no charge for adults.

.Thanks to Ramey & Mhairi for hanging banner over Diamond Drive.

.Flyer in LA post and linked on Facebook

.Games update: many being refurbished, Chris & Lisse are heading this up.

.Haunted house: Brian Haig will be hosting a dress rehearsal next weekend.

.Volunteer sign up: many cakes! Call out for stuffies! Having a cake & stuffie walk for kids to pick between. This will replace a prize barn to cut down on waste.

.Ticket sales will be handled by teachers.

.Advance sales of wrist bands will be done every day the week before carnival by Ruth & Karen.

.Food Vendors: Sirphey, Papa Murphy, Kettle Corn, Dan's Ice Cream, Revolt Coffee truck.

.Mrs Gibson's room for cake walk.

.Silent Auction has already \$6,000 in good pledged! Will be held online via the LAPS foundation's software. Auction will go live this Saturday and run 1 week.

Wearelions.givesmart.com or text 52182 "We are lions"

.Thanks to: Ramey, Mhairi, Esther for working on the silent auction!!!

.Kid Auction will include book buckets, teacher experiences such as lunch with Mrs. Kieltyka,

.Mrs B hosting a slime party, and front row seats for the Christmas performances.

Next meeting of carnival crew - Tuesday night, 7pm, Library. Goal of meeting tis to map out carnival and what things will be where. (Mrs. Lopez has requested to know what will happen in her room)

.weather is a big factor! Bouncy houses confirmed but will be coming from event at Pinon in the morning. Ruth will confirm that the company will not be doing any "junk" sales of items along with bouncy houses.

.Cards, cash & checks will be accepted for wristbands.

## 7. YEARBOOK - Ramey Sallaz

Ramey Sallaz & Jerry Fadner have agreed to (once again!) handle yearbook for the PTA. Mrs Ross will be setting up a club of 6th graders to take pictures for the yearbook. October 21st will be the first informational meeting. Waiting on approval from Mrs. Kieltyka. After carnival, yearbook cover contest will open.

Next meeting will be November 4th, probably once again in Mrs. Gibson's portable. (Thanks to Mrs Gibson for the space!)

Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm by Kristy Ortega.