

PTA Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017

People in attendance: Mhairi, Ramey, Erin, Jennifer, Sigi, Jane Lin, Heather

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting is called to order at 12:13 p.m.

2. Approve December Minutes

First: Mhairi. Second: Jane. None opposed.

3. Reports of Officers

a. Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's report for most recent changes. Note: (1) Casa Mesita's donation has decreased from \$400/month to \$200/month, which will result in approximately \$1000 budget shortfall. (2) No information yet on what the quarterly payments for United Way will be to Mountain now that it is in a new fiscal year. (3) About \$500 expenses related to the FUNd Run, including a weekly ad in the Daily Post to thank contributors, and a movie license to celebrate making FUNd Run goals. This can still be used two more times. (4) There is \$1000 budgeted for families in need, which might be applied to the 5th grade Winter Sports activity. (5) There was some additional money spent in principal's account, mad money, the science fair, and LAPS fund.

Mhairi has gotten a PayPal dongle to accept credit card payments for yearbooks and t-shirts.

b. President's Report

The PTA received a Community Asset Award Certificate, which Ramey presented here. Conference lunches are coming up, and there are a few slots left on Thursday. This year we're trying a new school supply company. Supply lists need to be in before March 1st.

c. Membership Report

d. Principal's Report

Last week we participated in NAEP (National Assessment for Educational Progress) testing with 4th grade students. This will be occurring all over the nation over the next 6 weeks – school sites are randomly chosen to be tested. Some students did paper or iPad tests in either reading or math.

Mrs. Guy is thinking about having a parent information night about testing. PARCC testing will be toward the end of the year.

The gagaball pit is now installed in the upper playground. There will be a presentation at 2:30 for the 4th – 6th graders on how to play the game.

Mr. Brown is interested in scheduling a STEM day this year – he did this previously in Santa Fe. He'll provide an outline of available information, and possible dates are March 22nd 8:30 to 12 or March 24th.

4. Report of Committees

a. Family Reading Night (Thursday, April 20)

We need to streamline food, books, and materials for Family Literacy and Math Night. To make this clearer, we'll have a meeting about Scholastic dollars, book fair, and money for family reading night. There will be three more meetings before Reading Night, which will help clarify these issues.

T.B.D. is food for family reading night costs/who will provide the food.

b. Yearbook

Ramey has a sample yearbook cover. This is the first year the PTA has taken this on. This year the price is \$20, up from \$15 last year. Envelopes and flyers are ready, or you can order online until March 24. We'll put the code up on the PTA website. We still need candid photos of kids.

5. New Business

a. School Lunch Program

No presentation on this.

b. Nomination Committee for PTA officer elections

Election of officers will be in April. Ramey is intending to stay as President, Mhairi is intending to stay as Treasurer, Cathy is intending to stay on but as VP, leaving a secretary position open. Jane's kid will be moving to middle school, and Chienchi could help put things up on the website. Elections will be in April. Jane, Erin and Mhairi are the nominating committee.

c. Spring Fundraisers

Movie night – movie is free, but could charge for drinks, popcorn, or candy. Mhairi might send around a flyer about donating to PTA for tax purposes.

d. Grant Request

Reading Night Grant Request: There was a \$1000 grant request for reading night. This request will be tabled until after speaking with the Reading team about how money is budgeted for Reading Night. In the past, there were two sources of money: Scholastic bucks for the limited catalog of Scholastic books, and books from Amazon that allow a greater variety of books that are not covered with Scholastic bucks.

Motion to approve the grant request for \$1000 for reading night: Jane Lin. Second: Mhairi. None opposed.

Music t-shirt costs: There are \$86.67 of t-shirt costs to be covered, though we received a \$50 commission from mylocker for the t-shirt purchase. First: Jane. Second: Mhairi. None opposed.

Lucy Culkin's units of study for 2nd grade: Latest and most effective methods of teaching reading, to use along with RediGen curriculum. \$365.94. Approve: Ramey. Second: Jane. None opposed.

6. Announcement

a. Next Meeting: March 6, 2016

Adjourn @ 1:22 p.m.