



September General PTA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019. Call to order 12:14 by Kristy Ortega, Mountain PTA President.

In Attendance:

Kristy Ortega, Ruth Burns, Natalie Morgan, Karen Morris, Zoe Roebels, Chantielle Hanson, Lissie Ham, Ramey Sallaz, Chris Bartlett, Mrs Kieltyka, Mrs Gibson, Amanda Padilla, Paula Knepper, Esther Smidt, Mrs Luscher, Mrs Montoya, Danielle, Jody Smith, Mrs Favorite, Aedin Laychik, Sean Singleton

Intro of officers for 2019 by Kristy Ortega, President. Ruth Burns, VP, Natalie Morgan, Treasurer, Karen Morris, Secretary.

1. Approve minutes from May 6th & Special Meeting to spend extra money.

Ramey Sallaz moved to approve the minutes from the May meetings, Zoe Roebels seconded. Passed.

2. Budget

Natalie introduced the budget and opened for questions. Noted that we do have less to spend this year due to smaller carryover funds.

Amanda Padilla moved to approve - Esther seconded. Passed.

3. Grant Requests

Due to PTA fundraising not being complete, discussion was opened about delaying a few requests until after the FunD Run. Several teachers were okay with the wait; those that needed materials for immediate needs were considered today.

.Mrs Cook - requesting new book sets. Her request can wait until October, as she is not teaching those items until after the next PTA meeting.

.Mrs. Gibson - \$350 for science materials for entire 3rd grade. (Approx 70 kids) Life cycle books for project, 3 for each animal to be reused year after year. Teaching the subject in two weeks so necessary to ask now. Ramey Sallaz motioned to approve, Chantielle Hanson seconded. Approved.

.Jody Smith requested a shredder for lower wing. Old one needs to be replaced due to constant jamming. Mrs Kieltyka asked her to apply to PTA. Cost to replace with a similar one is \$180. There is one available in the office. Chantielle Hanson moved to approve, Lisse Ham seconded. Approved.

.Mrs Wurthmunn - asking for inclusion materials for Sped. "Specialized Reading Program by Gillingham" for all students in ELA. Also requesting books on Professional Development, requesting for Blood on the River classroom copies (7) to keep up with the 5th grade class. Total of all items \$261.82. Discussion was had about who can fund Professional Development items. Mrs. Kieltyka says the course and travel for Mrs Wurthmunn were covered by LAPS, so majority was paid for out of other resources. Some confusion was had over the number of books needed as Mrs. Moore was using her Mad Money to request additional copies of Blood on the Water. (PTA approved a class set in May 2019.) Decision was made to fund Mrs. Moore's copies under last year's approval to cover the additional copies she needed and not for it to come out of her Mad Money. Mrs. Wurthmunn needs 7 copies for her special needs kids to read along with the 5th grade. This is separate from Mrs. Moore's set.

Lisse Ham moved to approve up to \$300 in case more copies of book are needed, Chantielle Hanson seconded. Approved.

.Mrs Luscher - currently first grade has 6 ipads in each class. 3 or 4 more per class are coming. Need 12 headphones, spread over the 3 first grade classrooms. PTA approved headphones last year, asking for additional help as more kids will be using them. 12 headphones - \$192.00. Amanda Padilla moved, Zoe Roebels seconded. Approved.

.Mrs. Austin - prizes for behavior improvements. \$115.00. Email to her by Kristy Ortega- tabling to October as this does not seem to be an immediate need.

4. Treasurer Report.

Natalie Morgan noted that each teacher had Mad Money of \$250, able to earn \$50 extra for volunteer time at carnival. Audit went well over the summer. All current information is to accountant. Summer spending was recommended to remain at \$5000 as it seemed appropriate. We had about \$586 remaining before budget was approved.

5. Presidents report.

Kristy Ortega is very excited to be moving forward. So many great volunteers helping PTA this year already! Family Breakfast was a wonderful success. Kristy spoke at teacher breakfast, surveyed teachers on theme. Last year was technology as an overarching theme. Due to this being a difficult transition year, there doesn't seem to be a common theme for requests. Perhaps storage, labeling, organizing, etc. Supply closet in the teacher's lounge being explored for when we do have a teacher's lounge again.

6. Membership report.

Karen Morris - As of now, 71 paid members. Dues are \$5.50 and go right back out to NM PTA.

7. Principal's Report

No construction meeting since before school started. Herb McClean & Mrs Guy attended a recent staff meeting to give updates. Construction company is readjusting timeline in order to finish. Newest information - the 400 wing: art/music/Mrs Schaefer's room will all be closed once portables arrive. Parking lot behind for school for teachers is being started today as the portables will be in the current lot. Portables by end of September. Teachers decided who will be in each portable.

Three portables on site: (1) Smith/Schaefer, (2) Moore/Ziomek, (3) Music/OT&PT, share with GATE. Band/Orchestra will move to the music portable.

Next month's meeting SHOULD be in library. Only remaining special with no space will be Art on a Cart. Mrs. Cook's class will move to the computer lab. Hawkins' classes will remain. Timeline shows for 100 wing to be completed for move in at the end of January 2020. Sometime after that, lower primary wing will be relocated to portables.

Ordered water coolers from Herb. Kids are super hot, struggling with nosebleeds, etc. Delaney movers moved out remaining stuff of 100 wing, it is ready for construction. Herb and Mrs Keiltyka will be attending an HOA meeting for the neighborhood where teacher's new parking lot will be built. There is a ticker on the Mountain School website with construction updates:

<https://sites.google.com/laschools.net/mountain-construction/home>

8. FunD Run update- Wednesday, September 25th. Kristy Ortega.

Sign up packets going home this week. Goal is \$35 per child. Kiwanis are sponsoring water bottles, design by Jerry Fadner. Requesting money to be in by 20th September.

9. Halloween Carnival - October 19th. Ruth Burns.

Thursday night meeting at library, very good turnout. Lisse Ham in charge of games. Paula Knepper will be coordinating volunteers on the day of event. Chris Bartlett will head the clean up team. Amanda Padilla is working on book fair with Mrs. Pitman. Ruth stressed that carnival will

look quite a bit different due to construction. Asking K-2 teachers borrowing classrooms and focusing all events on lower playground. Additionally proposing time change due to sunset - 3-6. There is a slight conflict with Pinon's pumpkin event, but theirs is in the morning. No prize barn due to space, money and clean up (better for environment) Stuffie walk and cake walk. Tons of donations. Chantelle volunteering to bring GF and Vegan stuff. Mrs K loves idea on stuffies. Esther & Nataile's idea for stuffies.

.More from Principal Keiltyka: Homecoming parade! Friday, September 20th at 2pm meet Canyon school, don't dress up as Tigers. Handout flyers and candy. Karen Morris will arrange PTA's candy, banner, and flyers promoting carnival.

.Mr Hinojosa came in late and had a request for a line item for his robotics club. 2 years ago started Project Vex. World wide competitions, qualified for world but didn't go because of money. Recurring costs is why he would like a line item. Registration is \$150 for each team of 2. Each contest is \$30-\$150 per team. The kits will be used probably by 3 kids this year due to interest. Each kit is \$330. First competition: Dec. 17th, transportation & lodging comes from kids. Because this is a very time consuming activity, Tony asks the kids to apply with an essay as well as info to parents. It's a big commitment with 2 hours of practice each Tuesday. Kids agree to show and pay \$50 to join. Applications are due tomorrow and already have 15, which is more than last year. Bradbury also donates, presentation at robotics night & got a donation. NM American Society Mechanical Engineers has also funded in past. Kristy asked Mr. Hinojosa to table his request until October's meeting when he would have a set number of kids in the club and would know exactly how much he is asking for.

11. Box tops - Lisse Ham. Box tops are going digital! Please download the app for box tops. You will have to scan your receipts. She is still thinking about contests, but tracking in app is too difficult. Paper ones are still good until they expire, so keep clipping!

Kristy Ortega said the next meeting is October 7th and the meeting was adjourned at 1.13 pm.