

Jackson Avenue PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Attendees: Cathy Finkbeiner, Emilia Silva, Heather Dion, Henry Rosa, Kelly Dohmann, Shari Johnston, Sylvia Guzman, Toni Orr, Trisha Bingham, and Tracy Rinella.

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Reports
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting

Key Points:

1. Opening
 - Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Tracy Rinella.
 - The February 13, 2013 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the April PTO meeting.
2. Reports
 - Principal Report <Shari Johnston> -
 - A reclassification ceremony was conducted for students that have different native language. There were 200 students across the district.
 - A scientist came to the 5th grade classes and presented the 116 element “Livermorium” from the periodic table of elements.
 - Neighbor to Neighbor outreach program helped paint the Kindergarten playground by adding hopscotch and trike paths.
 - The school is working with the school district on safety procedures by adding gates surrounding the school site. The chain link gate near the garden area was installed. Over the spring break, a gate will be added from the MPR wall to the library and from the library to the science building.
 - Teacher Reports <Kelly Dohmann> -
 - Teachers are requesting for a signup sheet for the spring fundraiser basket themes.
 - For escrip funds for PE related equipment, the teachers would like to request for new balls (soccer, volleyball, basketball, and kickball) and for an Elastablast.
 - There was a parent’s request to add Chili’s for a fundraiser. It was advised to contact Pam Ison to do a Family Night there.
 - **Trisha Bingham made a motion to update the transitional kindergarten budget to fund the same amount per students as other classes and was seconded by Cathy Finkbeiner. All approved. Motion carried.**
 - Treasurer Report – not available

3. Old Business

- 5th grade Science Camp funds –
 - By May, a deposit and headcount number needs to be submitted for 2014 Science Camp. Ideas presented were to send letters out to 4th grade parents to survey interest of # of students that would attend, lessen the number of days of the program, change Cookie Dough Company, and add more marketing for the cookie dough sales.
- LVJUSD parent group authorization – Tracy will submit.

4. New Business

- Spring fundraiser <Tracy Rinella> -
 - **Trisha Bingham made a motion to accept Visa and Mastercard for the auction and accept the transaction fee. It was seconded by Toni Orr. All approved. Motion carried.**
 - The gift cards for Target \$25 and Walmart \$50 will be used as a donation for the auction.
 - Trisha will send out a volunteer signup sheet for teachers to post for the spring fundraiser.

5. Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 10th at 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

6. Action Items

- Karen Higgins to update the budget for the transitional kindergarten class.
- Trisha Bingham to send the spring fundraiser signup sheet to teachers.

Submitted by Sylvia Guzman