

I. Call to Order by Danielle Hayes, Meeting started at 7:03 pm.

A. Welcome – Danielle Hayes welcomed in attendance.

Danielle then asked that the attendees introduce themselves.

Attendees - Melissa Graham, Kristine Whitelaw, Emilia Silva, Beth Rasmussen, Joanie Kokelaar, Henry Rosa, Danielle Hayes, Trisha Bingham, Shari Johnston, Kristen Bulleri, Bridgett Summerfeldt, Amy Pomerance, Martha Porritt, Toni Orr, Virginia Holunga, Susana Walker, Regina Juan, Jessica Torres, Karen Higgins, Teresa Chan.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Karen Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2014. The motion was seconded by Shari Johnston and passed.**

II. Reports

A. Treasure's Report – Trisha Bingham

- New to the budget is a split in science funds for Terry Greenaway and Tina Weetman.
- Cookie dough sales are now a non PTO fundraiser for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes. All Teacher Fundraisers run through the District Office not the local schools and their PTO's.
- After reviewing the 2014-2015 PTO budget, the PTO will need to be approved.  
**Beth Rasmussen made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Year PTO Budget. The motion was seconded by Karen Higgins and passed.**

B. Principal's Report – Shari Johnston

- The new bike rack was installed on October 7<sup>th</sup>, just in time for the monthly Walk and Roll that was held October 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 students participated this month.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Education was on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. Jackson Avenue had many families come out this year. The kids carried the Jackson Avenue banner. Thank you everyone for your support.
- The neighborhood residents have complained about the street parking next to the school. To address their complaints Shari Johnston invited the Livermore Police and a district engineering employee to evaluate the current Jackson Avenue parking lot. The meeting determined a new more efficient traffic pattern could be used and the parking spaces need to be updated. Also parents need to know that the Livermore Police will ticket your car if it is parked in a No Parking Zone. If you speed in the neighborhood around the school remember that the Livermore Police are also patrolling and will ticket you. Parents, please slow down for the safety of our children.
- A grant for Science Camp in the amount of \$3,000 was given to Jackson Avenue School.
- A Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp is coming up at Camp Arroyo on October 17<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited. It is a great way to support the school and the food is really good. Please come and enjoy and take a tour of Camp Arroyo.

- The PTO would like to gift the school from the generosity of its parents support. Shari Johnston provided a wish list to share with the PTO:
  - ❖ The teachers need new Apple laptop computers. The computers could be purchased incrementally over a three year time span. It was mentioned that we might get the District to help with some of these costs. The District at this time has no budget for new computer for it teachers.
  - ❖ A new Chromebook cart was also on the list. This is used for charging and storing the Chromebook for the students.
  - ❖ A computer locker is also needed for securing the Chromebook cart that we currently have.
  - ❖ Also on the list are Character Counts flags and Attendance Patches for the classrooms.
- Art in Action is an online license that can be purchased by schools to provide students availability to art in the classroom without hiring art teachers. It is for Grades TK – 5<sup>th</sup>. It has Common Core based lesson plans and the lessons are in both English and Spanish. It will cost \$7,000 per year. This includes all the supplies needed to do the art. Art in Action will also send out a teacher to teach our volunteers and teachers how to teach the art and use the website. The school may be receiving a grant from Wente Wine Growers for art. This has been tabled for now so that Shari Johnston can review the grant from Wente to see if it can supplement the cost of this license. We will review this again next month.
- Cynthia, the school Secretary, has requested that PTO buy a new fax machine and copier for the front office. The cost for the machine is \$2,695 + Tax. Cynthia's old fax and copy machine has totally stopped working and cannot be repaired. The District does not have monies in their budget to pay for a new machine for the school's front office.  
**Emilia Silva made a motion to provide up to \$3,000 for a new fax & copy machine for the front office. The motion was seconded by Kristen Bulleri and passed.**

#### C. Teacher's Report – Regina Juan

- The teachers are busy with the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences.

### III. Old Business:

- A. The PTO is sponsoring a yearbook cover art contest. The students were able to vote for the winners at lunch last Tuesday. The student vote resulted in a tie and Beth Rasmussen would like the PTO to break the tie. The winner of the contest will receive a free yearbook. Beth passed around the two winning entries and a tally vote was taken. No results were given.
- B. The PTO Fall Fundraiser is going to be with Innisbrook this year. It starts in a week. Please support this great Fall Fundraiser.
- C. ABC Music program is providing an opportunity for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to learn how to play an instrument. ABC music will host an instrument "petting zoo" where the kids can try out each band instrument. This will be on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The final cost for the lessons and rental of the instruments will be at the discussed at the "Petting Zoo". ABC Music will begin lessons the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be at the school twice a week for lessons.

IV. New Business:

- A. The Spring Fundraiser has a tentative date for May 8th. Mother's Day is on this weekend. This is a great opportunity to buy something for Mother's Day.
- B. Young Rembrandts will be beginning their art classes after school in Room 30. The school needs a parent volunteer to represent the school, to help students arrive at the room without getting lost and just to make sure students stay on task while in the art class.

V. Announcements

- A. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up and bring your donation by 11:15am to the front office for the teacher's luncheon.
- B. Box Tops and Labels for Education Store is October 20 & 21 in Room 30. See Beth Rasmussen and her crew to get your prizes for turning in your Box Tops and Labels for Education.
- C. Spaghetti Feed is on October 17th. Please support this fundraiser to benefit Science Camp for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This is great opportunity to see the dorms and taste the food that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be enjoying for three days in February at Camp Arroyo.
- D. Multicultural Event is on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It will have Art & Crafts for auction. Food will be sold for \$7.00 a plate. Go enjoy the culture of Jackson Avenue families and taste the wonderful foods that prepare for the event. The proceeds help fund the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp at Camp Arroyo.
- E. The Teacher garden representative is Terry Greenaway.

VI. Adjournment

The next PTO meeting was set for November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Martha Porritt and seconded by Emilia Silva and all were in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.