

I. Call to Order by Danielle Hayes. Meeting started at 7:08 pm.

A. Welcome – Danielle Hayes welcomed in attendance.

Danielle then asked that the attendees introduce themselves.

Attendees - Melissa Graham, Kristine Whitelaw, Beth Rasmussen, Joanie Kokelaar, Henry Rosa, Danielle Hayes, Shari Johnston, Kristen Bulleri, Bridgett Summerfeldt, Amy Pomerance, Martha Porritt, Jessica Torres, Karen Higgins, Sylvia Guzman, Susana Balderas, Carrie Harvilla, Jennifer Ledet, Virginia Holunga.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

II. Safe Routes to School Presentation by Jennifer Holmes

- “Walking, Rolling & Bicycling to School” helps students reach the recommended goal of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Students arrive at school energized and ready to learn. Parents can leave the car behind and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. By doing this they will be taking an active role in their child’s well-being, building a sense of neighborhood and encouraging increased parental involvement at school. These activities also help promote safe driving in school zones and in the larger community. It has infrastructure economic benefits of, like sidewalks and roads. This service is free to Jackson Avenue. Also available is a “Bike Blender” for school fundraisers and for classrooms for parties. Volunteers are needed to help with the monthly Walk & Roll to School and National Bike to Work Day and Golden Sneaker. Jennifer asked for parents to sign up for these activities to help promote and encourage school attendance and to stop tardiness. A sign-up list was sent around and parents signed up to help with the monthly Walk & Roll to School and the National Bike to Work Day on May 14th. Thanks for your support.

III. Reports

A. Treasure’s Report – Danielle Hayes

- Jamba Juice has not been paid in the last two months. Please keep track of when payments are made.
- Office Welcome Mat Request – Deborah Fields has requested a welcome mat be purchased for the school office. **A motion was made by Karen Higgins to purchase a welcome mat for the front office and to spend-up to \$200. The motion was seconded by Susana Balderas and passed.**
- The All Cash Balance is \$97,139.58.

B. Principal's Report – Shari Johnston

- Safe Routes to School presentation by Jennifer Holmes was given today to Site Council this evening. District Office Maintenance Department has been made aware that the bike rack needs more room to enter and exit. They have contacted the Bay Area Air Quality Management District that installed the new racks and has asked them for help to correct the problem.
- “Single Site Plan” has been presented to the school board and defended successfully.
- The 6th Annual Walk for Education was on Saturday, September 27th from 9 am to 12 pm. Jackson Avenue had many families come out this year. Jackson Ave. came in 2nd place and received \$250.00. Thank you for your support.
- The Halloween Parade was not rained out. Many parents came out to see their children dress up in the parade. A lot of photos were taken. The weather was dry and at the end we had some sprinkles with rain.
- ABC Music will be starting January 7th.
- The Fiddle Club Scholarship will return in beginning December 2014. This is for 5th grade students that are interested in renting violins and joining the Fiddle Club. Of the 18 students that joined the club last year, 8 are in the band at East Ave. Middle School this year.
- The Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for 5th Grade Science Camp was on October 17th and it was well attended.
- Multicultural Night will be Friday November 15th Please attend and enjoy the great food, entertainment and fun activities planned.

C. Teacher's Report – Regina Juan is sick but Danielle Hayes was asked to present for her.

- The Kindergarten teachers have requested the PTO to pay \$702.00 for 78 children to go on a field trip to the Oakland Zoo. These fees need to be paid up front to hold the date. **A motion was made to approve \$702.00 for 78 children to go to the Oakland Zoo by Beth Rasmussen. The motion was seconded by Susana Balderas and passed.**

D. PCIC – Parent Community Information Council – Danielle Hayes

- The minutes for the PCIC meeting is located on the district website at <http://livermoreschools.com>. Go to Community, then Parent Community Information Council, and then Minutes. Jackson Ave. is mentioned for its Multicultural Night.

IV. Old Business:

- A. The Multicultural Event is on November 14th. Food will be sold for \$7.00 a plate. Go enjoy the culture of Jackson Avenue families and taste the wonderful foods that are prepared for the event. The proceeds help fund the 5th grade Science Camp at Camp Arroyo. The event will have a Jumpy House. It will be dark so if anyone has industrial lighting that can be loaned to the event please contact Susanna. The pizza needs to be delivered by 4:30. Ten pizza should be enough for the event. Remember to post the thank you signs so the all can see who donated to the event. Volunteers are also needed. The time will be one hour slots.

- B. The PTO Fall Fundraiser with Innisbrook this year was a couple of weeks shorter and sold sales were 50% less than last year. Thank you to those who supported this great Fall Fundraiser.

V. New Business:

- A. The Spring Fundraiser date is May 8th. The theme this year will be Hawaiian.
- B. Holiday Gift Shop is coming up December 8-12. Volunteers are needed to help make it run smoothly. Please look for the We Join-In email and sign up.
- C. The Box Tops and Labels for Education Store needs your help. The store needs help with shopping for its prizes. Also needed is a super shopper. Beth Rasmussen received a check for \$1400 for the Box Tops. Please continue to save the Box Top and hand them into Beth.
- D. New Meeting Night for PTO was considered but the bi-laws don't allow it.
- E. What is your communication preference? Is it e-mail or Facebook? Update your preferences for proper communication. Karen Higgins volunteered to put a Facebook page together for the PTO.

VI. Announcements

- A. Apparel orders will be delivered this week November 15th.
- B. Garden Club Clean-up will be Saturday November 15th at 10:00am-12:30pm.
- C. The See Candies orders are due November 17th.
- D. If you would like to donate to Hospitality snacks, it will be served December 5th for the Teacher's Thank you. You can bring in the snacks at 8:30am after dropping your children off.
- E. The Texas Roadhouse will be serving up take out on December 15th. Please sign-up for this delicious drive-thru. It is a great fund raiser for the school.
- F. The After School Band program with ABC Music will begin lessons the week of January 5th. They will be at the school twice a week for lessons.
- G. The After School Art program with the Young Rembrandts is also at the school on Thursday's.
- H. Would it be possible to sell tamales after school on Friday? The PTO may need to be a licensed kitchen with the Department of Health to sell tamales. Kristen Bulleri will investigate this for us with the Department of Health.

VII. Adjournment

The next PTO meeting was set for January 14th from 7:00-8:00pm.
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.