Jackson Avenue Elementary School PTO Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Danielle Hayes. Meeting started at 7:10 pm.
  - A. Welcome Danielle Hayes welcomed in attendance.

Attendees - Karen Higgins, Beth Rasmussen, Trisha Bingham, Susana Walker, Jessica Torres, Melissa Graham, Shari Johnston, Holly Hamilton, Sylvia Guzman, Danielle Hayes, Kristen Bulleri, Bridgett Summerfeldt, Anne White, Virginia Holunga.

- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - A motion was made by Karen Higgins to approve the minutes from March 2015. The motion was seconded by Kristine Bulleri and passed.
- II. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report – Trisha Bingham

- The Fund-A-Book funds should be transferred from the Fundraiser category to the School Event category on the budget.
- The budget for Bonnie Sanders is posted at \$800. As her budget is higher than usual, it is requested to be reduced to \$650.
- Kindergarten has received its six Kid Gear head phones for use with their Chromebooks.
- Bonnie Sanders will receive a computer purchased by the School District.
- The Ice Cream Social and the Ice Cream Sales entries need to be exchanged in the budget.
- B. Principal's Report Shari Johnston
  - Jackson Ave. School won a Bronze Medal award from the California Department of Education US Heathier School Challenge Award.
  - The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, will begin April 13, 2015, for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Students will be using Chromebooks to take these tests.
  - Open house is May 21, 2015.
  - Physical Fitness tests will be given soon to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students this trimester. A video is available to help instruct students and teachers master the proper techniques.
- C. Teacher's Report Regina Juan
  - A "thank you" was expressed for the Teacher Luncheon that was hosted by Kristen Bulleri and volunteers.

- The Kindergarten Team is very thankful for the new headphones and the children are happily using them.
- Carol Voegele, a Kindergarten teacher, requested \$155 from the PTO to sponsor a Mad Science Workshop for her class in May. Shelene Carey, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, requested the PTO to fund the remaining amount on her Donors' Choose webpage, approximately \$179, to be used for Revolutionary War subject books. A motion was made by Beth Rasmussen to fund these teachers' requests. The motion was seconded by Kristen Bulleri and passed.
- The PTO will be reevaluating the General Class Fund for the teachers. The teachers may be in need of an increase for the 2015-2016 School Year.
- III. Old Business:
  - Schoola Fundraiser Schoola Fundraiser turns adorable outgrown clothes into money for the Jackson Avenue PTO. It accepts gently used kids clothes, which are sold on line, and the Jackson Avenue PTO receives 40% of the purchase price. This fundraiser is currently in progress but needs ten bags of clothing. Clothing pick up will be Monday, April 13, 2015. Please drop off your clothing by Friday, April 10, 2015.
  - Texas Roadhouse orders are due by Friday, April 10, 2015, for the Drive-Thru on Friday, April 17, 2015.
  - Go to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp Movie Night on April 17, 2015, in the MPR. We still need more volunteers. Susana will announce the Movie Night at the ELAC meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, and recruit volunteers.
- IV. New Business:
  - The Spring Fundraiser is on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 5-8 pm. Ms. Johnston advised that there will be a teacher skit! Art work has been distributed to teachers. The next planning meeting for the Spring Fundraiser is on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm. An e-mail from Danielle Hayes will be sent to follow up on the place and time.
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade families would like to host a Movie Night and Texas Roadhouse Night on Friday April 17, 2015. All purchases from Texas Roadhouse will return 50% to the PTO to help fund the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp.
  - Ann White, from the Livermore School Board, presented an update from the School Board. The CA assessment tests are "adaptive tests" – the computer "helps" students find their level depending on their answers. The School Board recently approved an increase to the high school graduation requirements: 240 units are now required to graduate, increased from 230 units. Livermore Unified will still require 180 days of education.
  - Garden Clean-up Day will be April 11, 2015 from 10 am 12 pm. Please volunteer to help with the garden. Refreshments will be served. We are requesting to spray for black widows.
- V. Adjournment
  - The next PTO meeting is set for May 13, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 pm.
  - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.