

Jackson Avenue PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Attendees: Allison Rodacker, Alyssa Garshol, Bridget Holt, Danielle Hayes, Deborah Fields, Beth Rasmussen, Cathy Finkbeiner, Kristen Bulleri, Kristine Whitelaw, Melissa Graham, Regina Juan, Sheena MacQueen, Shari Johnston, Susana Balderas, Sylvia Guzman, Virginia Holunga, and Wendy Fernandes.

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Reports
3. New Business
4. Announcements

1. Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Danielle Hayes.
- **Beth Rasmussen moved to approve June 10, 2015 meeting minutes and was seconded by Kristen Bulleri. All approved. Motion carried.**
- **Beth Rasmussen motioned to approve executive board members for Kristen Bulleri as Vice President, Karen Higgins as Secretary, and Virginia Holunga as Treasurer. It was seconded by Allison Rodacker. All approved. Motion carried.**

2. Reports

- Principal's Report <Regina Juan> -
 - We had a great turnout at Back to School Night.
 - Jackson Avenue was recognized on the Honor Roll from the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence for raising student achievement and closing the achievement gap.
 - We enjoyed the Ice Cream Social and had a good turnout.
 - LVEF and American Swim Academy is scheduled for September 26 from 9 am - 12 pm.
 - September 27, Jackson is hosting Turning Wheels for Kids. It's a free bike repair workshop.
 - Goal setting conferences is Oct 12 -23 for all TK-5th grades with early release at 1:30 pm.
- Teacher Report – None to report.
- Treasurer's Report – <Danielle Hayes>
 - Teacher requests –
 - 1st grade level is requesting \$384.89 for common core daily math journals.
 - Heather Dion is on the technology committee and is requesting \$300 – 700 for an Elmo projector and newer TVs for each classroom. Mrs. Juan to get more details from Heather Dion. It was suggested to look into research grants and companies to get funding for technology or start a grant writing committee.
 - 4th grade level is requesting \$446.22 reimbursement for spelling books. It's not supplemental materials. The mission buses are in the budget. Although, all field trips must go through the district, the 4th grade level needed to book the Oakland Museum field trip over the summer. They are requesting \$384.89 reimbursement. Since the district was closed upon booking, PTO decided to table it and will figure how to handle this request.
 - Budget Review –
 - Safeway escip has discontinued.

- We are at a deficit this year. We will need to find ways to fundraise more and begin to cut expenses.
- There was a suggestion to do a Birthday book fundraiser. Its \$5 – 10 per child. A child can purchase a book for the Library and have their picture and book in the library.
- It was suggested to do a Giving fund of \$1, \$5, \$10...\$100, etc. During the kindergarten registration or arena day, have a monitor or TV running all the PTO events during the year.
- **Virginia Holunga motioned to approve the budget and was seconded by Allison Rodacker. All approved. Motion carried.**
- Parent Club Information Council (PCIC) Update – Danielle Hayes is our school representative that meets monthly with other representatives. Walk for education registration money goes directly back to the school. We are asked to budget money for a bond measure to improve our schools. The calendar schedule may switch back in 4 years giving us back 1 week of summer. Danielle will ask about curriculum at the next PCIC meeting.

3. New Business

- Open Committee Chairs –
 - Alyssa Garhol will be the Family Night Out, Jamba Juice, and Oakland Step it Up to Plate Chair. Wendy Fernandes and Kristine Whitelaw will be the Walk-a-thon Chairs. Deborah Fields will be the After School Coordinator Chair.
- Fall Fundraiser – We are planning to do a walk-a-thon in November as our fall fundraiser.
- Shade – Allison Rodacker is looking into grants and funding for a new shade structure on the playground. Shade for half of a basketball court will run \$100,000. If we can find an architect, we may be able to lower it to \$60,000.

4. Announcements

- Box Tops are due Sept 16.
- Ice Cream Sales will begin on Sept 16.
- Jamba Juice sales begin on Sept 18.
- Young Rembrandts session will begin on Sept 28.
- Yearbook Cover Contest due Sept. 28
- Cookie Dough Sales to help 5th grade Science Camp will begin Sept 30
- Spaghetti Dinner to help 5th grade Science Camp will be on Oct 19.
- Multi-Cultural Event will be on November 6th.

5. Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Sylvia Guzman