

PTO Minutes 10/15/2009

Call to order 6:35, introductions. (Stacy, Lana, Ben and Traci unavailable to attend)

Treasurers Report – Since August spent \$160 on Staff Apprec., \$90 on sitters, \$190 welcome Kinder, \$192 on Halloween Dance, but more to spend after head count. Will purchase cake, pretzels, drinks, etc.

Entertainment Books, sold 10K, Meridian nets 4K

Cookie Dough – roughly sold 57K, Meridian nets 27K. After fully funding this year's budget we will have approx. 7500 left. There will be more throughout the year after directory sales, scrip, restaurant nights, but to date...\$7500.

Request for funding requests will be accepted. Teachers have/will be emailed forms. Form will be posted on the website. All requests need to be approved by Jenn Weese.

We will put itemized list/ballot on back of next month's agenda and try to do email blast if available prior to next meeting. If you want to vote on where money goes, you need to attend the meeting. No proxy voting.

Jenn Weese – reallocation of 5K funding from last year's GT vote. We were informed this year we cannot use parent raised monies to fund salary. We still have the 5K from last year sitting in GT account. We can return the money to the PTO or vote to reallocate within GT or put towards document camera's/star cards. We did get Estee back with a 10K grant. Estee will be working with teachers pulling together kits and doing differentiation teaching with all teachers and grade levels, along with writing groups. She could use books and writing materials for this differential teaching.

Five teachers went to these teaching classes and were each given a document camera/star card. You can use these for all types of projects, teachings, websites, student work. They are full screen 3D show grid lines and will eventually replace overheads. Teachers are thrilled with them. Jenn wants us to get caught up technology wise. This is a very effective way of teaching. Bulbs are extremely expensive as well as the cost overall \$1600/ea.

Jenn would like to use the 5K in a different way to help the teachers and staff in the classrooms. Coronado has full capability using these right now and it is truly amazing. We need to get up to speed.

Star Cards/Cameras approx. \$1650...new diff. text teaching books \$500. It would be great for each grade level to start off with a document camera and work towards each classroom.

The five currently given to the teachers belong to the district. If the teacher leaves to a new school..so does the document camera. We did write two more grants in the hope of purchasing more, but didn't

get them. We could use some money from teachers budget, but again they are costly and our \$ resources are limited.

Jenn will work on itemizing a list for PTO on exactly what we need and how much \$ It will cost. The star cards are new this year and give the Document Cameras much better technology. The capability is awesome!!

Q- Are we voting tonight? A- no, please come to Nov. meeting when we will vote on 5K reallocation and \$7500 extra to put toward school.

These document cameras have proven to raise student achievement.

Q- Out of the 5K is the only thing you're asking for is GT books and Doc. Cameras? A- Jenn will go back and talk with staff before vote next month.

Q- Can't we do more fundraising this year for these? A- Prefer not to, as PTO is already looked at as doing too much fundraising via survey taken last year. With all we've done to date, we hate to ask for more money. It would have to be voted on to do another fundraiser strictly for these document cameras.

Teachers please be prepared to talk about your requests at the next meeting as parent like to know why you are requesting.

Teacher – we have meetings/class every Thurs. through the next meeting so can we vote by proxy. A- no, by-laws state no proxy voting. Jenn asked if teachers cannot attend next meeting...send a grade level representative.

Deadline for turning in all funding request is 10/29/09.

Q- Rockwall..what's the status? A- all play equip. has to go through the district for safety reasons. District is then required to get bids, they are now stuck in a bidding cycle but have moved toward local businesses. Hope to have bid by next week, may cost more than we raised.

Q- if it takes this long to get a rockwall, how long will it take to get the document camera's. A- already have prices for camera's so approx. 3 weeks.

Ms. E has been really working hard last year and this year to get this up and taken care of, it is just stuck in district bidding policy right now.

Cookie Dough – 393 orders to fill on 10/21. Limo's 10/16 with 156 kids attending. 10:30-1:30 with 1 parent, 1 staff member in each limo.

McDonalds providing all volunteer meals and kids will have name tags with codes/meals to make it easy.

Q- what if my child is sick and can't go. A- we will try to figure out a way to make it up to you, coupon, lunch but setting up another ride won't be possible.

Cookie dough delivery 12:30-2:30, no volunteers Curtis will separate and board members will be there. 4-5 boxes will be delivered to classrooms anything larger will need to be picked up during scheduled time. We still have orders coming in, \$ due. Prizes will also be delivered with cookie dough.

Q-prizes for donations too? A-yes all prizes.

Q- what about am kinder...can we get cookie dough earlier before they go home so parents don't have to come back? A- Karen Enney will see what we can do, but yes they may have to come back.

Scrip – Leslie will be unable to run scrip. Most school who do Scrip make 10, 20, 30K each year. We only make 1K. We need to get it up and running smooth as the potential is good. Or, do we want to put it on the back shelf for now? Does anyone have ideas, contact, etc. on how we can make this program run well and earn us \$? Some people feel the web site is user friendly and parents should use it, other say no...not user friendly and people don't like it. The form is too overwhelming, too small, too much to choose from. What if we pre-purchase the most popular or just local (Kings, Safeway, Starbucks) and sell at school? Also, make our own form with what is popular with our parents to make it simple and easy? At this point until we get a volunteer....Scrip will not run. We do have the authorization to pre-purchase so board will talk and see. We have a lot of parent with a lot of great ideas but the board needs someone to step up and help us make this successful. We definitely need to simplify Scrip. Maybe we could teach parents how to navigate around the Scrip site? Again, need help in this area. No volunteers.

Directory – Not as easy as last year as this year we know who is missing. Have made 6+ attempts to contact missing families and have had no response. They will not be in directory as we didn't receive permission. This year we sold 220 copies and are printing through the district as it is cheaper. We will profit about \$800. This year we also have more ads 24 with \$1420 profit. 1 free ad for the Halloween photographer who did photo's last year and again this year. Doing a thank you banner to all advertisers and in the end will profit a grand total of 2K.

Halloween Party – Thank you to everyone who volunteered. We sent out email about your shift/time. If you signed up and didn't get it please contact Kim. Please be on time as we only scheduled parents for 1 hours shifts so everyone could enjoy the party. Cake, balloons, water will be picked up the day of the party and we could use some help if you are available.

What about allergy kids? Allergy parent tried to get allergy free cake but had no luck. Kids with allergies should bring a special snack but we will have other items that are allergy free (pretzels, dumdums, smarties). We will post ingredients. Q- Parent asked how about having Hostess Cupcakes for allergy

kids. A- we did do this last year but non-allergic kids tried to snag cupcakes. We did have an allergy table too but no allergy parents want to work the allergy table this year. At this point we are out of options and things will run as is. We currently have 330 adults and 370 kids attending with more rsvp's coming in daily.

Staff Apprec. – no update

Federal Heights – skipped due to lack of information

Close – November meeting 11/12/09 big meeting as we will be voting on funds. You need to be here to vote. We would like to skip December PTO meeting, any objections? None.

Meeting Adjourned 7:33