

# Minutes

## Sunset View Elementary PTO Meeting Tuesday, September 11 3:30pm

**Board Members:** Alyssa Sterne, Teresa Santoy, Jenn Coe, Could be you?

**Attendees:** Alyssa Sterne, Teresa Santoy, Katie Zielke, Jenn Coe, Sandra Lee, Erin Manukure, Kristen Davis, Mary Perea, Angie Lilyblade, Mari Karnesky, Lesley Bryner, April Jordan, Cali Thornton, Shantel Rivera, Jess Gandy, Lorraine Leatham, Patricia Fisher, Jarrett Propeck, Jessica Mansfield, Carol Sonderland, Jules Eichner

Welcome

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Principal's Report

Carol

- The school year is already flying bye!
- Kids seem to be loving our new playground
- Be sure to fill out the online volunteer forms so that you are ready to go as anything pops up.
- We have lots of new staff who are bringing in new energy and that is very exciting.
- Heidi (our principal) is doing great, had her baby and will be back in mid-November.
- Open house is coming on the 9/20 and we look forward to seeing everyone there.
- October 5 – Get to Kennewick School District – provide breakfast and lunch and have break out sessions to learn about how the district works and all the various programs the district offers to our families. It is 9 am – 1 pm – sign up with the office if you want to attend.
- We are off to a great start!

Treasurer's Report

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- We need a treasurer
- Erin Manukure has volunteered to do it, Cali has seconded it, everyone said I
- Katie will get together with Erin to pass the batton.

Monthly Recap

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- Kinder Testing & Sneak Peek – we were there to help drum up support.
- Welcome Back Breakfast – put this on for parents, again to try to get to know parents and make them aware of PTO
- Teacher Reimbursements (\$100) Have reimbursed some teachers already.
- Spirit Wear (orders due Sept. 21) – if you can order online – if you can't you can still send in your form and money. This new company has

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everything pre-organized for sending everything out. There is not school on Sept 21 – so be sure to send that in before the 21<sup>st</sup>. A few new pieces are available. There are still all Mediums to try on.

## New Business

- Book Fair Mrs. Lee
  - o She shared that she has been at a school without a PTO for 7 years so she is very excited to see all the parent involvement in these short few weeks.
  - o She is requesting someone to take on volunteers to help manage registers. It will be the week before conferences. She needs a volunteer to help oversee the organization & then volunteers to help with cashier and the like. It was suggested that we can set up Volunteer Spots. Mrs. Lee will confirm with admin what our hours will be and then we will send it out. Shantel is willing to help take on making the sign-up list but someone else would need to do the reminder calls.
  
- Upcoming events/volunteer opportunities Board
  - o Skate Night 9/12 -Jess will come to take pics for yearbook.
  - o Open House 9/20 (need volunteers?) Then no school. Everyone says
  - o Picture Day 9/26 (need volunteers) Cali, Jess, Lesley, Jarrett, Teresa
  - o Pizza Night 9/27 Papa John's kick back went up so we get even more now.
  
- Someone asked about an event they saw on the magnet calendar and wondered what that was. Memories with moms & dads events – these haven't been planned out and we will look for more feedback for them but the thought was to do like Muffins w/ Moms & Donuts w/ Dad type events during times of the year that are not as crazy busy like the typical May and June time frames for these.
  
- Mustang Stampede - Oct.17 Board
  - Cali, April – wants to do the cards, Jess,Jules
  - look at revamping incentives – bubble run wasn't "incentive" Talked about doing color run. We need to see it as a separate event if it is an incentive not skip recess.
  
- Box Tops Jenn
  - o Cali wants to do 4th grade, April will do 1<sup>st</sup>, Jules 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lesley - Kinder, Mrs. Rivera 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jess 5<sup>th</sup> , Erin will help out if anyone needs to back out.
  
- Question was asked – when is Carnival? April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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- Question was asked - How is PTA different than PTO.... We don't pay to participate in our organization. We don't have national backing, support and legal representation. If you did something that you experienced at another school and want to try to bring it here – bring the ideas.
- We will be doing our yearbook again this year as it was a huge success and Jess Gandy is still planning to head that up.
- Nurse would still love more donations – perhaps we can put a box out at open house. We need to ask for bigger sizes but confirm with Kim what we really need.
- Question was asked, can we do Coat for Kids? It would earn us \$200 just for participating. We should continue to talk about this. Perhaps we can do our own drive earlier? If you win you do earn \$500. The concern when it was brought forward before was how many “drives” we do at the same time. Coats for Kids is typically in December.
- Suggestion - Get a list ahead of time of all the drives we will be doing throughout the year so that parents know ahead of time and plan accordingly.

### Raffle/Adjournment

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- Everyone agreed that we should continue to do the raffles as it helps get more people to attend.
- Shantel will tell teachers what it is ahead of the time to get more to attend.
- Alyssa motioned to Adjourn, Cali 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.