

Minutes, PTA meeting, April 1, 2016 Canyon View Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amber Morzelewski, Rayna Drago, Raelynn Williams, Marta Stott, Hilary Ripley, BJ Weller, Rebecca Schocker, LeeAnn Earhart, Marianne Zerger, Carolyn Armstrong, D. Hanna, Camila Ellington, Rosalyn Hite, Lisa Rowley, Cristen Barlow, Alex Lambert, Amber Wilkins

VOTE ON BYLAWS

Amber Mowzeleski motioned to reaffirm Bylaws, Maryann Zenger seconded it. We voted to keep bylaws, unchanged.

CULTURAL NIGHT FEEDBACK

Everyone agreed that this was the most fun cultural night yet, a huge success. It worked much better to have the grades work together also. There hasn't been any negative feedback from the volunteers. The food drive was successful also, we raised about \$150 and filled the 4 barrels. We also made over \$200 on spirit wear sales that night.

Rayna asked whether we should keep it or do something different?

We love the idea of making it more of a community event, rather than limit it to the school. Some older neighbors came and enjoyed the night, hearing about it from flyers or possibly the article in the journal.

Several people, including Mr. Weller voiced the

importance of continuing cultural night. We discussed the need to incorporate the ethnicities of the students and their family cultures and traditions.

Rayna brought up the idea of pushing it out further to avoid bad weather and also to avoid other conflicts. Everyone felt moving it to April was a good idea.

FUNDRAISER

We discussed the following questions: should we keep an A-thon? Should we do an un-fundraiser? Some said that in the past this approach was not successful. People contribute more if the kids do something. Several member voiced that they like their kids to learn while doing the fundraiser.

Mr Weller suggested a read-a-thon. Kids get pledges based on how much they read over 2 weeks. The kids log their minutes.

Gathering the prizes is the most tedious part of the fundraiser. We discussed how to simplify the prizes, such as giving out free hall passes or first in line passes that are free, rather than buying so many prizes. Prizes are good, but they aren't motivating except for the big prizes. We talked about incentives rather than objects, and then reward other top earners with something like a movie in the KIVA, or a limo ride with the principal to McDonalds.

We talked about doing a fun run or a carnival. No one volunteered to head either of those up. Later Mr. Weller said he would look into a carnival run by the school not

the PTA.

We make so much money from the a-thons, we don't want to do something else. Someone suggested a committee to come up with ideas rather than the whole group. Rayna will send out an email about a committee meeting for the fundraiser.

JERSEY MIKES

Shayla came to present our school with a huge check from our earnings from Jersey Mike spirit week. Mr. Weller, Rayna and Shayla posed for a picture with the check. We made \$1797.

FIELD DAY

Shannon wants to have a field day meeting and we decided the meeting will be in 2 weeks on April 15 at 8:45 in the conference room. Shannon will have a presentation.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

Please contact Lisa Adams if you would like to help.

DONUT DAY

Donut morning will take place on Friday, May 13, at 8 am for kids and parents. Raelynn will get donuts from Smiths. Variety is preferred over glazed. We ran out of donuts last year and discussed either getting more donuts or stamping hands to prevent people from taking more than 1 donut. We decided to have the student council stamp hands and monitor the donuts until 8:25, then let people get more.

Smiths makes smaller donuts that we could get to save money. We decided to get more - 800. Rayna is talking to the lunch room about getting milk and Silver Bean will provide coffee.

Mr. Weller wants to introduce a reading aspect to donut morning. Read with your parents while you eat your donut. Bring a book from home to read together. Laurel suggested a book exchange: bring a book and take a book from a table in the lunchroom. We also talked about creating a math aspect to it, writing on the paper over the tables, or acrostic poems with D-O-N-U-T.

MATH PROGRAM

April's math program is on April 14. The last one in May is going to be a mega-event.

BOX TOPS

Rayna talked to Smiths about having a box for collecting box tops at the customer service desk, which they agreed to. Mr. Weller will do a mass mailing to let people know about the box top drop-off at Smiths. The flyer should let people know they can sign-up to have their fresh values card connected to Canyon View and Smiths will donate money to our school. LeAnn suggested hanging a flyer on the community board to advertise the drop off box at the desk.

OTHER

We reviewed the calendar of upcoming events:
-Panda Express, Wednesday April 13. Last spirit night of the year. We still don't know how much we made from Zupas.

Rayna is trying to contact an ice cream or yogurt shop to do a summer spirit event.

-Skate Night, April 22.

-Choir/Art Show, Show starts at 7 pm on May 17th, Tuesday. Ms. Timoney? will have videos ready from 5th grade. We will hang the art that night before the show. Ms. Stocking will decide how many pieces from each student to display that night. We will need volunteers to set up that night in the large space in front of the auditorium. Marta will lead up hanging the art from strings with clips.

T-Shirt Contest

Rayna asked if we wanted a contest for a child to draw something for next year's t-shirt design. Rayna suggested the kids vote on the top 5 entries during lunch. Most people supported this idea. Also, we need a girl's cut shirt next year.

Spirit Week

Mr Weller would like to be involved in deciding events or themes for spirit week. He will talk it over with Rayna. It's only 3 days this year, May 31-Jun 2. Mr Weller also suggested letting student council head it up or give suggestions. Rayna will ask the student council. Mr Weller would like to bring red ribbon week back in October.

Directory

Alex Lambert will do the directory again next

year. Someone suggested adding emails to the directory, which works as long as the parents give permission to release their email addresses. We also need the parents' names in the directory. Unfortunately, Skyward excluded some parents or kids that wanted to be in the directory. We discussed using a different way to generate the directory. We need to gather the information during the registration process rather than after the year has started. Mr. Weller will add something in the registration packet that asks permission to use certain information in the directory and will create two lists: a yes and no list for the directory. The room parents expressed concern about being limited in their communication to the parents. Giving room parents personal information requires separate permission from the directory. Laurel has a room mom template that she can email to other room moms, asking for information.

Game Day take over

Laurel is not doing game day next year. Does someone else want to take it over? At least 30 kids come to every game day. It will take place in the KIVA since orchestra has moved to another room. Rayna will keep asking for volunteers to head it up. Someone suggested rotating who is in charge of it.

OPEN FLOOR

There will be a short meeting about Employee Appreciation Week following this meeting to discuss ideas for employee appreciation week. But since Lisa could not make it, please contact Lisa Adams to help

out.

Amber Wilkins suggested putting a basket of trivia on each table during donut morning. Mr. Weller has a packet of cards with questions for parents to ask their kids and for kids to ask their parents that we can put out. We will include reading and can include other fun academic activities that morning.