



## September General Meeting Minutes

**September 12, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Mastro at 6:40 p.m.

Mimi Magadia led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions** – PTC Board Members, Event Chairs, & Reps were all introduced.

**Past Minutes** – A motion was made by Amber McNinch to approve the minutes from the May 2013 meeting “as presented on the PTC website”. The motion was seconded by Gina DiBlasio. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Elections** – Jennifer Haas is currently the “Acting” Vice President A. Ballots were passed out and a vote was held on her position. Ballots were returned to Carolyn Turpin for tallying.

**Business Items – Past Financials:** Diane Hillburn presented and explained the Past Financials. No questions were raised.

**2013-14 Budget:** The 2013-14 budget was reviewed. Cindy explained that in years past we have been conservative with our spending and have kept a fairly large surplus of money in our account. The overall goal this year, stated by Cindy, is to spend the money we earn within the year it is earned. An extra \$100 has been added to each grade level for the Fieldtrip line item, bringing the amount up to \$600 per grade for field trip expenses. TK is also being given \$300 for field trip expenses. The library funds have been decreased this year by \$1,000. The amount for Assemblies has been slightly increased. A motion was made by Diane Hillburn to approve the 2013-2014 budget. The motion was seconded by Nicole Owston. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Funding:** The electronic marquee expenditure was discussed; Cindy explained her research, her contact with Diamond Creek Elementary (who purchased one) and passed around a sample picture. A motion was made by Amber McNinch to spend up to \$18,000 on an electronic marquee pending final board approval of a design (via email ok). The motion was seconded by Laura Pipitone. The motion was passed unanimously. Cindy explained that the Board is also looking into purchasing metal tables/umbrellas for the upper playground and/or metal, lower tables for kindergarten (the existing kinder tables will be used elsewhere on campus). The purchase of tables will be brought up in next month’s meeting. The PTC is also looking to purchase Pop-Up tents for our use during school events. A discussion occurred regarding the idea of purchasing 1 or 2 “expensive”/more durable Pop-Ups with ‘Blue Oaks’ possibly printed on them vs. purchasing 4 or 5 “cheaper” ones. A motion was made by Tracy Terry Sells to spend up to \$550 on 5 Pop-Ups at Wal-Mart. The motion was seconded by Mimi

Magadia. This motion was amended by Amber McNinch to “remove Wal-Mart” from the wording. This amendment was seconded by Tracy Terry-Sells. (This motion was not voted on as further discussed happened). Mr. Murphy suggested purchasing 1 “nicer, branded” (with Blue Oaks) Pop-up and 3 “cheaper” ones. A new motion was made by Carolyn Turpin to spend up to \$800 on 1 “branded” Pop-Up tent and 2 “cheaper” Pop-Up tents. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Haas. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Program Updates**— A reminder was given to cut out/save/bring in your Box Tops. Our school earned over \$1,000 from Box Tops last year. There will be a Box Tops contest in Oct. Box Tops need to be cut out and have a current expiration date. A reminder was given to remember to sign up for eScript. Our school raised \$2,800 from eScript last year. Upcoming Dinners Out: Baskin Robbins is on 9/19, BJ’s is on 10/15. The Book Fair will be held 9/30 – 10/4 and will be an “Oasis” theme. The Garage Sale is on 9/14, flyers have gone home and volunteers are needed for the afternoon timeframe. Mixed Bags will be our late fall fundraiser again this year. We raised over \$9,000 with Mixed Bags last year. Cindy discussed a possible winter fundraiser called “Holiday Shop” where kids shop for gifts for their family. Mindy Corr and Nicole Owston volunteered to help with this fundraiser. The 1<sup>st</sup> Skate Night is on 10/17, there will be 5 this year and each grade will get to pick a theme. People contributed ideas for themes including: orange/black or costumes (for Oct), and crazy hats. The Bear Jamboree is on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will be scaled back this year (no trunk or treat) but still a great family event. Games will be on the big playground, Food Court in the Bear’s Lair, and the Bake Sale by the Office. There will be a Baking Contest and a Dance Contest. New this year, will be a “Lucy Duck” Raffle. Volunteers are needed and flyers will be going home soon. All Spiritwear orders have been filled (as of today) and a re-order to supplement sizes has been placed with the vendor. We will be selling Spiritwear hats (both flat bill & baseball) this year. Volunteers are needed for the Staff Appreciation committee (a sign up sheet was passed around). The Staff Appreciation committee has already provided: treats/coffee for the teachers in Aug, pencils on Back to School night, and bear cookies on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. We are happy to report that an Art Docent has been assigned for each class. A PTC Rep drawing was held as a thank you/incentive: Lan Jackson was the winner.

**Current Volunteer Needs:** Garage Sale, Bear Jamboree, Book Fair

**Election Results** – Jennifer Haas wins and is voted in as Vice President A.

**Principal’s Report** – Mr. Murphy thanked everyone for all their help/time/effort. The teachers are participating in a program where they are being coached and evaluated on their teaching techniques. There is a current issue between the State of CA and the Federal Government regarding our standardized testing this year due to the switch to the Common Core curriculum next year. We will have a school-wide evacuation drill on 9/27 at 9:15am. The entire school will be evacuated and walk to Adam B. Vacquera Park to practice the procedure in case of an emergency. Basketball hoops are being installed on the lower playground that the district paid for. Mr. Murphy is starting a Broadcasting Club. 70 kids (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are participating in the Running Club. Other clubs happening this year: Choir Club, Art Club, Student Council, and Engineering Club.

**Teachers' Report** – Mrs. Martinson, Mrs. Beilby & Mrs. Morrill all reported on the various grade levels and their current activities, academics and upcoming field trips.

**Open Floor** – There were no issues raised during Open Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.