



The following is a summary of the PTA meeting held at Desert Springs Preparatory Elementary on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. This summary is intended for informational, reference purposes only. If you have any questions or would like clarification, please contact a PTA board member.

Attendees

Lori Vitagliano, Louisa Calvin, Greg Fraker, Jennifer Samuels, Raquel Scott, Chrissy Bonifasi, Kiley Marquardt, Gracie Snyder, Erin Benaim, Jason Wooten, Laura Hill, Amelia Dietz, Laura Jansen

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with PTA Board Members present: Lori Vitagliano, Louisa Calvin, Greg Fraker, and Jennifer Samuels

Secretary's Report – Greg Fraker for Jenny Patton (absent)

- Motion by Lori Vitagliano to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 PTA meeting. Motion approved by Chrissy Bonifasi and seconded by Jason Wooten.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Fraker

- Current bank balance is \$32,310, of which \$29,302 is the PTA's money and \$3,008 collected for other groups, primarily the Art Program (i.e. Original Works fundraiser) and COMETS.
- Apex fundraiser has raised \$19,413. How Apex funds should be allocated among the classrooms was discussed. It was decided that 10% of the money raised (i.e. \$1,941) be divided equally among the 25 classrooms (i.e. \$77.64 per classroom).

Vice President's Report – Louisa Calvin

- Currently, the PTA has 165 members, 28 of who are teachers or staff.

Vice President of Membership & Marketing's Report – Jennifer Samuels

- A coordinator for 1st Day School Supplies for next school year is needed, as the current coordinator is retiring from the position. As an incentive to volunteer for the position, the coordinator gets free school supplies.

Principal's Report – Raquel Scott

- Took a tour to see the teachers' lounge, which was recently re-decorated with funds generously donated from CVS Caremark (Jenny Patton's employer)
- The school is looking to hire a part-time Duty Aide.
- School enrollment increased to 503 during the winter break. The school gained a few new students and didn't lose any students.

- Kindergarten Round-Up is Tuesday, February 7th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm, before the PTA meeting at 6:30 pm. Parents of future Kindergarteners will be invited to attend the PTA meeting. A flier for the Kindergarten Round-Up is coming out soon.
- Hawk Talk is coming out this week.
- The cookie exchange right before Winter Break went well. There were 160 dozen cookies for teachers and staff to take home.
- Parent-teacher conferences are at the end of January. Signups are coming out this week.

Teacher's Report – Kiley Marquardt

- Teachers are having a party at Four Peaks later this week. PTA paid for the food portion of the party. Teachers were responsible for drinks.

United Parents' Council Report

- Not present / no report

Carnival Report – Amelia Dietz

- The carnival will be on Saturday, March 4 from 3pm – 7pm.
- Amelia got a \$380 bid for lights.
- Marketing the carnival was discussed.
 - There are banners in storage.
 - EDDM (Every Door Direct Mail) was mentioned as a possible advertising method. In the past, Stephanie Brown did mailers for the neighborhood.
 - Posting an advertisement on the NextDoor app was also mentioned.
 - Mrs. Scott will give school tours for the families of potential incoming kindergartners before the carnival.
- Volunteers for the food and drink booth(s) are needed.
 - Gracie is in charge of this.
 - The idea of doing Sign-up Genius for 30 to 60 minute shifts (two people at a time) was mentioned. Also, it was suggested that shifts overlap by five minutes to ensure adequate coverage and to “train” the incoming volunteers.
- Food-wise, we currently have a BBQ truck, Chicken Scoop, and Sweet Treats.
 - We currently don't have any “kid-friendly” food.
 - Burgers Amore was discussed. They require a \$500 minimum.
- Amelia will be sending links for purchasing items.
- Pricing was discussed.
 - \$25 wrist band per child, includes popcorn and cotton candy. \$20 for second child in a family, and \$15 for third child in a family.
 - Free wristbands to the child(ren) of those parents who volunteer.
 - Face painting and dunk tank will require additional tickets at \$2 per ticket.

New Business

- Bingo Night will be Friday, February 10th at Desert Shadows Middle School.

Adjourned at 7:11pm

Next meeting is on February 7th at 6:30pm