

PTSA MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2007
Desert Heights Library

Board Members present:

Michelle Robles, President
Annie Diaz, Vice President
Paula Valverde, Treasurer
Nancy Kasten, Secretary
Rob McGehee, Teacher Rep.
Cassie Hamza, Student Rep.

Board Members absent:

None

Meeting called to order at 3:22 pm

Welcome to all present
Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2007

Continuing Business

Point 1:

Membership Update

Membership recruitment continues. In November of 2006, we had 9 voting members. As of November 1, 2007 we have 89 voting members. While pleased with this increased participation, we got more response from specialty teachers and staff than the core teaching staff. (Why?) Our goal continues to be increased membership among Teachers, Students and Parents. Still hoping for the award 100% Teacher involvement, and membership.

There was discussion about need for a formatted Teacher request form for classroom needs. The form should include detailed description of items requested and research already done by teacher on price comparisons, and other avenues they have already unsuccessfully explored to procure the item.

Point 2:

Playground equipment

The playground equipment is being shipped on November 9, 2007. It should be installed the weekend of November 16 and 17th. Any serious help for the manual labor appreciated. The playground should be completed and play ready upon return from Thanksgiving break!

Point 3:

Box Tops Update

We are expecting a check for approximately \$700.00 from Box Tops for this last quarter. This is more than we made all year last year! We currently have approximately:

100 Tyson labels
3 LBS of Ink cartridges (need 10 LBS to send)
600 Nestle labels

7000 Campbell's soup labels

Point 4:

Parent Involvement Project

Our grant was accepted (Thank You Beth Gue) for the Parent involvement project. We will be receiving somewhere between \$500.00-\$1000.00. This money will be used for the purpose of providing informational speakers to assist parents with how to best help their kids deal with today's challenges.

Point 5:

Movie Night and Book Fair

We had an excellent turn out for Family Movie Night. We discussed the feed back received, and what things if any we might change for the next one. (ie... More of everything to sell, as we ran out.)

The Book fair was also very successful (\$7000.00) The PTSA donated one book to every teacher's classroom from the Book fair. (Total spent was under \$100.00)

There was discussion about replacement vs repair of the popcorn machine that broke on Movie Night. Also discussed need for a Cotton Candy making machine or making friends with someone who has one before Spring Carnival.

Point 6:

McDonalds Active Award

Our school received the award of \$1000.00 for the PE program.

Point 7:

Build an Animal project

We discussed the build an animal project in detail. It was decided that we will order 100 animals (Husky, Bear and Kitty) to have at the Holiday Shop. We will also look at a purchase for the Spring Carnival(possibly different choice selection) . Discussion of price and what we would charge was covered.

It was decided that we will have a design contest for the T-Shirt logo on the animals, the winner to receive a free animal. Details still to be worked out.

Point 8:

Sunrise Shade Project

Mrs Johnston reviewed the information packet received and made recommendations about how to best implement. There is a School component and a Community component. Discussion of NJHS doing the community portion for their community service project. Multiple ideas discussed. Mrs Johnston has agreed to chair a committee for this project. It was discussed that Nurse Gloria should also be on this committee. We discussed a possible budget for this project of \$100.00-\$150.00/

Point 9:

Treasurer's Report

An informal treasurer's report was given as the Paula's information was accidentally left elsewhere. Will attach report to minutes when received. We made approx \$648.00 on Movie Night. Approximately \$200.00 at Smoothie night. Approximately \$250.00 at Great Skate night. We also received a donation of \$100.00 from The Place (a community restaurant), we also received a \$25.00 donation from Wal-Mart (59th ave and Bell) for the Holiday Store.

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Chick-fil-A night on Monday November 5,2007 (5pm-8pm)

Parent Character Training on Wednesday November 7, 2007

6pm in school cafeteria

Phoenix Coyote's Night on Thursday November 15,2007 (7pm)

Holiday Store December 10-14, 2007 (School library)

Floor opened for discussion, there were no topics offered up for discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45pm