

PTSA Meeting August 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Board members present: President: Laci Green
VP: Jamie Krebsbach
Treasurer: Becky Favot
Secretary: Darlene Cavalo
Teacher Rep: Nicole Boyd

Introduction of New Board: Please visit our PTSA website <http://www.desertheightsptsa.org/cgi-bin/scms/ptms/index.html> to view our bios.

Mission statement/ Goals: As the Parent Teacher Student Association our objective is to create a strong sense of community among our parents, student and staff. We strive to support and speak on behalf of the children and parents within our school always with their best interest in mind.

Goals:

* At the Back to school BBQ we surveyed parents on what they would like to us purchase for the school this year. A majority liked the umbrellas and tables for around the campus. Other ideas were a Coyote mascot uniform, and staining the DHCS Coyote emblem on the concrete by the gates.

*We are striving for 100% membership with the teachers. Lacie and Jamie met with them before school started and signed up 35 that day. Our incentive is \$25 now/ \$25 later. \$5 for membership dues will get them \$25 to spend on items for their classroom (must provide receipts to us) after they volunteer with some PTSA events (above what the school has them do) they can get the additional \$25.

*Also hoping for more parent involvement. We will continue email blasts and are switching up the PTSA meetings... a 6:00pm meeting one month, 3:30pm meeting the next, alternating throughout the school year.

Upcoming Events

*August 19th/ 20th Barnes & Noble Night– Mr Jiles to show up on the 20th at 7pm (in PJ's) to read books to the kids (who can also wear their PJ's)

*August 25th Restaurant night, Chuck E Cheese

*August 29th Phoenix Mercury game

*September 9th PTSA meeting at 3:30pm Ms Boyd's room 307

*September 11th Goodies for Grandparents 7am

*Restaurant night.. TBD

*Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser

Ideas for additional restaurant nights... Panda Express, TGI Fridays, McDonalds

Discussion on the budget.. If you have questions about the budget and/or would like to see a copy please email one of the board members. We will be voting on it at our next meeting in September. We are starting this school year with \$4000 in the budget. Some things to note about the budget... Desert Heights Preschool is now part of the charter school, we have more teachers

and more families this year, therefore many of the expenses have been raised. Also we have budgeted down on the fundraisers due to the slow economy. One question came up about the canopy we voted on at the end of the school year. We have not given the school any money and it is not included in this years budget. The vote the in May was that if the school committed to the purchase by June 1st and the project was completed by July 15th we, the PTSA, would donate \$4000. However that did not happen and the school with have to approach the board again when they are ready.

Fundraisers: The boards ideas for fundraisers are:

- * Get Fresh Bags (like the reusable kinds you can buy at the grocery stores.. only a better quality and we can have them personalized with the school colors and logo. We have to buy 1000 at \$3.50 but we can sell them for any price we want

- *Gold Canyon Candles (doing this in Sep) we usually make \$4000 when we hold this one in the fall

- *Smencils (smelly pencils) we are looking more info to bring to the Sep PTSA meeting as everyone seemed interested in this one

- *Candy Bars (Worlds Finest) concern being getting back the unsold bars from the students

Ideas from floor:

- *BINGO night– everyone really liked this idea.

- *Wet and Wild– We tried this before and had problems getting enough people to sign up.

Open floor for discussion

Spring Carnival-Would like to see new games.

Daniel Sarna to be student rep

Survey: Would like to see survey about potential fundraisers in the Tuesday folder.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 9th at 3:30pm in room 307

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm