



# PTO Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

## I. Call to Order, 6.05pm

In attendance: Shannon Todd, Juli Thompson, Lisa McClure, Lucy Suazo, Laura Basini, Amy Flores-Johnson, Monica DeWall, Vickie Boudouris, Kristina Cameron, Holly Lamb, Randi Fine, Nikki Tilson, Melissa Messer, Laura Porterfield.

## II. Secretary's Report

Last month's minutes were approved.

## III. Treasurer's Report

- a. The budget is in general looking good.
- b. Most Cheetah Chase donations are in and we are close to the goal of \$20k.
- c. This year's budget was approved. There was much discussion of the numbers, which had been thoroughly prepared by Holly Lamb. Last year PTO entered the year with 10k float. This year we do not have this. Our starting balance after Cheetah Chase is projected at around \$21k and PTO projected expenses during the year will be around \$20k. Discussion included:
  - i. Clarification of Cheetah Chase costs
  - ii. Reasons for keeping website fee and other fee-based services
  - iii. Outlining details of facilities and equipment usages
  - iv. Ability to obtain resources such as popcorn from local businesses such as Palladio
  - v. Need for more scholarship money and tradition of obtaining scholarship money from external sources such as US Bank

- vi. Need to promote Amazon Smile
- vii. Need to add Principal's Prize Luncheons to the budget. This cost is \$250 x 3 times per year. It was motioned and approved to move \$300 from the cash box to cover the first Luncheon and then assess / approve 2020 Luncheons in January.
- viii. Need for more teacher funds.

#### IV. Principal's Report

- a. Online Cheetah Bytes Newsletter has been sent out. 267 parents read the first edition. Principal will add link to Amazon Smile.
- b. Two surveys are coming up, the Tech Survey and the Healthy Kids survey.
- c. Boundary discussions are continuing in the District. Most discussion affects the high schools. Natoma Station will receive around an additional 15 students from boundary changes.
- d. The new health framework will be outlined in an informational evening on October 16th.
- e. Mrs. Morales is leading student council this year. Council will be presenting to the Board this week.
- f. Veterans' Day assembly is upcoming.

#### V. President's Report

- a. A big thank you to everybody who has supported the President in the first few weeks of term!
- b. Membership drive has gone great with \$1500 raised from PTO memberships.
- c. Cheetah Chase was a fun and productive event and it looks like we will meet our \$20k goal. Teacher feedback is that the event may be enhanced by making it a "fun run" rather than a competitive event. Next year we will also adjust to enhance accessible participation by exploring ideas such as a cheering section or alternative participation for children who cannot run.

- d. Trunk or Treat is upcoming on Friday October 18. We are in dire need of volunteers for this event. Right now we only have 9 trunks; last year at this time we had 20 trunks signed up.
  - i. Please volunteer to provide a trunk as you are able. The class that has most sign ups will get either a cupcake or a pizza party. Michael's currently has trunk kits at 40% off.
  - ii. Please publicize this event to middle and high school students looking for volunteer hours.
  - iii. Principal will send out a note to parents asking for support.
- e. Cheetahs Make Good Choices week is upcoming. Students will receive a paw print pencil as a reminder to make good choices
- f. Usborne Book Fair is upcoming. PTO will try to coordinate a spirit night with Book Fair night or potentially with teacher conference week.

#### VI. Teacher Rep Report

- a. Many thanks from the teachers for the popcorn bar.
- b. Paper saver program is up and running.
- c. Until the last few years, the pancake breakfast was run by staff. Staff would love to serve the students their pancake breakfast and be first in line to volunteer at this event.
- d. Teachers would appreciate a later date for Trunk or Treat.
- e. Teacher request for a new paper slicer for the office (35"). Ms. Thompson will price one out.

#### VII. Garden

- a. Fall planting took place this week. Students worked hard for next year's crop.
- b. The final report for last year's grant from Folsom Garden Club was due this week. A copy was circulated to attendees of the meeting.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. A vote was taken to approve Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads.
- b. The Art Program is up and running. A cover competition for the yearbook will commence after Christmas.

IX. New Business:

- a. President suggested making the Pancake Breakfast a winter event instead of a Christmas event. This way we could have Charlie Cheetah appear instead of Santa, and hopefully have better attendance in January. PTO voted and approved moving the event to January.
- b. Box Tops is moving to a system where receipts are scanned after purchase rather than sending in paper clippings. Please publicize this to family and friends.
- c. Natasha Shelton will take on the 6 Flags Reading Program.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm.