

Aurora Quest K-8 PTA Minutes

August 18, 2015

6:15 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order. Teri went over the Mission and Motto for PTA, as well as the Norms for all parent groups at Quest. The board members introduced themselves and then introductions were done around the room for all attendees.

Treasurer's Report. Last year's books were audited over the summer by Becca Peters. There were no issues found and the audit resulted in an approved the books. The funds for the spring catalog were paid out to the school for the benches and the chess tables. The approved 2015-2016 budget was distributed.

Minutes from May 2015 were review. Katie Self motioned to approve the minutes. Morgan Jarrett seconded. All were in favor.

Guest Speakers. The Middle School literacy and social studies teachers had conflicts and didn't make the meeting. We will try and reschedule another meeting for them to present an overview of their classrooms.

Old Business. New Parent Tea happened this morning with families new to Quest. It was good to meet all the new parents. The benches from the spring catalog fundraising have arrived. APS will install the chess tables for free once they arrive. We didn't meet our third goal to purchase the outdoor classroom but there is money left over so we will need to decide as a group what we want to do with these funds.

New Business. Dessert Night is happening on Thursday in the cafeteria. It's an opportunity to come out and learn about and sign up for all the PTA volunteer opportunities throughout the year. People will be on hand to answer questions. We are looking to promote Reflections, a PTA nationwide art contest, better this year. We still need Fun Run and Hospitality Chairs. Another high need will be volunteers for the carnival. We want to split into two 1.5 hour shifts so parents can spend some time with their kids too. However, this will require lots of volunteers. Specific game signups will be available at dessert night and then posted to the website afterwards.

Morgan Jarrett spoke about the current USAgain contest. Anyone can participate. You don't need to have a bin at your school. You just need to submit a picture that shows how you are decluttering and share the photo on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with hashtag #EcoCool4School. The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness about the program. There will be a drawing the next two Fridays for a winner of a \$25 gift card for themselves and their teacher. The hashtag is not trending so you have a good chance of winning.

Fall catalog sales starts on Monday. We are going with Fun Services again as the group voted on this last year. There will be no frozen food sales this year since our butterbraid and pie sales are coming up next and we don't want this to take away from that fundraiser. We receive 50% of sales. We receive 100% of any donations. No money goes to Fun Services for donations but Fun Services will credit your student 1 item towards a prize goal per \$10 donations they collect. We will be doing limo rides again this year. Last year they happened during lunch but we are looking to move them to after school this year.

Skate City is coming up August 25. Kids can take a bus from Quest to Skate City but must be supervised after school until bus pick up time. Bus chaperones are one of the volunteer opportunities as well. The classroom with the most participates wins an award and a popcorn party for their classroom. Also Yo-Craze restaurant night is August 27 from 10 am – 10 pm.

Becca Peters gave an overview about the Boxtop and Labels for Education program. This year's goal is \$2,500 for a water slide at field day. You can drop off the Boxtops and Labels in the bins by the front office. Please make sure your child's teacher's name is on the bag so they can receive credit for the monthly parties for top collecting classroom in each pod. There are no expiration dates for Labels but there are for Boxtops. Last year Becca threw away about \$100. Currently we have around \$300 in VISA credit cards from Labels for Education since Renee saves the labels and cashes them in when they are doubled. Bring your ideas of how we want to spend the \$300 to the next meeting or email the PTA with your ideas. We hope to be able to vote on the ideas at the next meeting.

The carnival is on a Thursday this year to work around the Track City Awards night. There is not any school on Friday. The carnival will run from 4:00-7:00. Wristbands will sell for \$10 before the event. The price will go up at the door. PTA keeps \$3 for each wristband. We will have the giant slide, a new blow up obstacle course, and a new whacking ball. The whacking ball is where four people stand on a pedestal and try and knock each other off with a giant blow up ball that hangs in the middle. We will also have the dunk tank again this year.

Principal Notes. Dave Schoenhals gave a big kudos to Casey Powell for increasing the participation in our athletics department. There are around 130 kids participating in Track. The Future Quest program was very successful over the summer. The school did not feel like summer due to all kids and the activities happening over the summer months. It was good to have the kindergartners start this morning. They always have a lot of personality that they bring to the school.

Raffle was conducted for all participates to win a country lemonade set.

Tobi Braddock motioned to adjourn the meeting. DJ Potter seconded. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00.