

August PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President DJ Potter at 6:10 P.M.

- Mission Statement was read (DJ Potter)
- Introductions of the new board: DJ Potter: President, Peter Gonzalez: Vice President, Rachel Trice: Treasurer, and Jamie Ojeda: Secretary. The rest of the participants in the room stated their names and a favorite thing.
- Kindergarten Teachers Presentation: Ms. Morris and Ms. Garcia. They showed a slide show presentation on the importance of play in the primary years and how it develops critical thinking/math skills in the upper grades. They requested a wooden block set for each kindergarten classroom at their wish for the year.
- Motion to vote on the kindergarten block set was raised
- The motion was tabled until after the treasurer's report.
- Treasurer's Report: 2015-2016 Financials have been finalized showing we raised a net of \$27,691 (Gross funds raised of \$50,473 minus cost to raise those funds of \$22,782). We spent \$24,205 of these funds to cover field trips and student activities (\$10,170), teacher classrooms (\$8,073), PTA expenses (\$1,118) and several motions approved, including Robotic Championship Trip, Calwood 5th grade trip, Read Across America and others totaling \$4,774. The balance at the end of the year (May 31, 2016) was \$3,486. With a beginning balance for the 2015-2016 school year of \$17,124, the total balance at the end of the year is \$20,700 (\$3,486 plus \$17,124). After our standard reserve of \$7,500, we have \$13,200 available to spend in the 2016-2017 school year. Our budget for 2016-2017 was approved last year and has us raising a net of \$33,878 (Gross funds raised of \$68,200 minus cost to raise those funds of \$34,223). Essentially the entire \$33,878 has been allocated to spend on PTA expenses, teacher and classroom, field trips and student activities.
- The kindergarten teachers have requested 2 block sets for their classrooms to enhance learning. Each block set is estimated to cost \$669 therefore their total request is approximately \$1,338. PTA discussed several options: 1) Waiting to see how much monies are raised by the auction before we make a decision, 2) Covering the cost of one block set that they can share, 3) Covering half the cost and have the kindergarten parents cover the other half. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- The point was brought up that intermediate was already represented in the budget and that we should buy this for primary.

Upcoming PTA Events:

Volunteer Dessert: August 18, 2016 6:00-8:00 pm

Skate City Night: August 23, 2016 6:00-8:00 pm

Dairy Queen Night: August 24, 2016 4:00-7:00

(Iliff and Chambers location: Volunteer Needed)

Fall Carnival: September 15, 2016 4:30-7:00 pm

Silent Auction: October 22, 2016 5:30-9:30

- Theme: Bids, Boots, and BBQ: An Auction for Education
- Location: Aurora Quest
- Time: 5:30-9:30 pm
- Adults Only
- Like the Facebook Group: Bids, Boots, and BBQ: An Auction for Education
- Chairperson: Anne Overstreet
- Principal's Notes: Mrs. Pippenger said it was wonderful to see so many kids and parents participating at Back to School Night for K-5 this week and Middle School last week.
- Like the PTA Facebook Page to stay connected: Aurora Quest PTA (This closed group will send you notifications when new info is posted)
- Check out the new PTA page on the Aurora Quest Website.
- 47 members in attendance
- Adjourned at 7:20