

October 2016 PTA Meeting Minutes

- **Call to order** 6:07 P.M.
- **Introductions:** Peter Gonzalez (Vice President), Rachel Trice (Treasurer), Jamie Ojeda (Secretary), and Dave Schoenhals (Principal)
- **Approve September Minutes**
 - Motioned to approve: Kim
 - Seconded: Alex
- **Rachel Trice- Treasurer's Report:** Budget update, Cici's Pizza Spirit Night Update
 - We completed our first big fundraiser, the Carnival, and raised \$3,347 after expenses. This amount put us approximately \$700 under our budget for the event. In other fundraising activities, Cici's Pizza night raised \$166.46 and we received a \$500 corporate donation toward the Auction. In September, we paid our membership dues to Colorado PTA (\$6.25 per member) for 58 members to date. All in all to date, we have raised \$2,005 after expenses.
- **Jamie Ojeda- Richie Castro Assembly Approval-**
 - \$350 for an all-school assembly
 - January 20, 2017 8:00 A.M.
 - Navajo oral history story-telling with music and dancing.
 - Motioned to approve: Teri
 - Seconded: Alex
- **Special Guests:** Middle School Literacy and Social Studies
 - Ms. Wheeler and Mr. Sargent presented
 - Want to bring in author, Todd Fahnestock, for a middle school workshop/assembly about how to become an author, his experience with publishers, etc.
 - Will include a writing workshop for middle schoolers for creative writing. Will use Google Forms App.
 - \$300 for the workshop/assembly (November)
 - Will go along with Nano Rimo month
 - November is designated for fiction writing. The author started writing with the Nano Rimo program when he was in school. Ms. Wheeler found him on the recommendation from other teachers who had seen him. She has seen his YouTube videos and talked with him on the phone.
 - Asking for \$200 to help with the cost of the author to add to the current Nano Rimo budget.
 - Motioned to approve: Becca
 - Seconded: Jim

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- Mr. Sargent said that bussing and field trip costs are a concern and would like the board to keep this in mind for the budget.
- Social Studies: There are trips students can take in middle school. Washington D.C. in 7th and 8th grade (every other year) and Costa Rica in 8th grade. Trips are all inclusive and include professional tours and service projects.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Skate City Spirit Night: October 6 6:00-8:00 P.M.
 - Teacher Work Day: No School for Students
 - Fall Break: October 10-14 No School for Students
 - Butter Braid Sales: October 19-November 2
 - Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 20
 - Silent Auction: October 22 5:30-9:30 P.M.
 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night: October 26
 - 1st-5th Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 27
 - Donuts for Dad's: October 28 7:00 A.M.
- **Two New Dates Added:**
 - Bender Brat Haus: December 15 (50% of sakes comes back to Quest)
 - Jumpoline: January 25 (Hoping to target middle school students to participate)
- **Bids, Boots, and BBQ**
 - Make sure to RSVP on the Evite. This event is adults-only. This is the only adult event of the school year. The rest are family oriented.
- **Principal's Notes:**
 - Dave has been having lunch with kindergarteners to discuss Growth Mind Set.
 - Kim and Dave met with the principal of Polaris in Denver. She looked at our diversity and free and reduced lunch program and wants her school to look more like ours in these areas as far as demographics. Quest will send teachers/staff to Polaris to observe their school and get new ideas for immersion. The Polaris principal said she was really impressed with our school, kids, and teachers. She observed one class at the end of the day on a Friday and the kids were all focused and learning about goods/services.
 - Dave discussed signature experiences at Quest like the 8th grade elections. The school is looking to get the younger grades involved this year as well. Using questions to discuss the election such as:
 - What are elections important?
 - What are characteristics/duties of a president?
- **Reflections:**
 - Quest contest will end November 29 and the judging will be November 30. DJ will have some outside judges come in so that no parents are judging. Will probably ask military volunteers to come in and judge.
 - Denver contest will be in December.

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- Posters and participation rules are posted around the school.
- **Drawing: Tarro won a Target gift card**
- **Motion to end the meeting:**
 - Motioned: Teri
 - Seconded: Becca
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.