

Canyon Rim Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Canyon Rim Elementary – 3045 S Canyon Rim, Mesa, AZ 85212

Attendance: Bonni Beveridge, Phyllis Lopat, Samantha Thurber, Sara Neves, Monica Garza, Hayley Powell, Lynne Warren, Joe Lopat, Amanda Patrick, Taylor Galas, Stephanie McCollum, Cynthia Cruz, Jen Packer, Jory Head, Ellie Rust, Lana Castro

Minutes Prepared by: Ellie Rust

Called to Order: 5:31 PM

Call to Administration

- Candy Limit for Trunk-or-Treat – It was decided that the guideline will be two pieces of candy per child, per trunk. The PTA has purchased additional candy to supplement supplies as needed.

School Requests

- Request for Popcorn – The popcorn party will celebrate students who have achieved their AR goals. This item is included for transparency only; no vote is required since it is already covered under its own budget line item.
- A motion to approve the purchase of bookmarks, fake fingers, lights, and treats totaling \$161.58 for students participating in the school's Title I Engagement Reading Corner at the Autumn at the Rim Festival was made by Danielle Biela. Motion passes.
- Motion to approve \$225.57 for Red Ribbon Week items such as gift cards, candy, bracelets and stickers made by Sara Neves. Motion Passes.
- Motion to approve a pizza party, not to exceed \$800, for the grade level that wins the Canned Food Drive contest was made by Jen Packer. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve Spelling bee trophy, medals, gift cards, dictionaries and other items for the Spelling bee, not to exceed \$400 made by Jen Packer. Motion Passes.

- Motion to approve trophies, placards, certificates, medals, gift cards, and other items for the speech contest, not to exceed \$200 made by Jory Head. Motion Passes.

Call to Teachers

- Staff has begun planning the Holiday Staff Party and has requested financial assistance for the event. They were reminded that there is already a budget line item for staff celebrations, with \$2,000 allocated for that purpose.

Call to Members

- The district is rolling out Visitor Aware across all schools. Canyon Rim has been using the system since 2018. The district has provided new iPads and printers and will now also be covering the cost of the visitor stickers (previously purchased by the PTA). However, the stand currently provided by the district is quite flimsy and does not adequately protect the iPad. Administration is exploring replacement options and has requested that the PTA cover the cost. The PTA has historically budgeted funds for Visitor Aware in case we needed to assume the subscription fee, so there are available funds in the current approved budget to purchase a new stand.

Review of Past Events

- Grandparent's Breakfast
 - We had record attendance & record sales
 - Despite ordering more food than we had in years past, we ran out close to the end of the event.
 - Food was ordered for 600 Individuals
 - Although our goal is to break even on this event, the PTA netted \$483 which will go into the general budget.
 - Unlike years past, the coffee was donated, which likely accounts for the net amount earned.

- Communication about remaining with the students until 7:45 am seemed to be heard, however, this created more crowding in the cafeteria than years past as grandparents and children were waiting for this time.
- Diamondbacks Game
 - 115 Tickets Sold. The PTA made \$575
 - If the event is done again next year, suggested trying to collaborate more to have the school in one section.

Upcoming Events

- Autumn at the Rim
 - Need more parent volunteers
 - Many Junior High students and some High School have signed up to volunteer.
 - One teacher heard, since the event is no longer during testing, it is easier for them to sign up.
 - The lack of High School Volunteers is likely due to Homecoming, which is planned for the same night.
 - All items have been confirmed
 - Pizza will be available for Teachers and PTA board members before the event.
- Popcorn Fundraiser
 - November 10 - 24
 - \$15/bag. The PTA will receive \$7.50 per bag
 - Items will ship directly to customers
 - Prizes will be done by class instead of per student - They are TBD
 - The prizes are provided by the PTA
- Turkey Trot
 - Clarification on whether otter pops are going to be given to students is needed. The PTA still has a surplus of otterpops

Board Reports

- Membership: 108 Members

- Treasurer: Motion to approve September financials made by Jen Packer. Motion passes.
- Fundraising: See Above
- Publicity: N/A
- Marketing: Nothing at this time
- Hospitality: Nothing at this time
- Tetherball - Administration clarified the Mr. Foster is responsible for maintaining recess equipment for all levels.
- PTA requested that administration add, 'Sponsored by the PTA' to the Cougar of the month section on Cougar Roar. Administration agreed.

Next Meeting Date is November 18 at 5:00 PM location is TBD

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 PM