

Canyon Rim Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 4, 2025

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

Attendance: Bonni Beveridge, Lana Castro, Kayla Gutierrez, Jackie Galloway, Monica Garza, Jen Packer, Sam Raley, Tom Raley, Emerald Willoughby, Cheyenne Plautz, Kimberly Schammel, Nicole Little, Jana Tardie, Julie Hadley, Hutchinson, B. Kochagi, Hayley Powell, Karie Beehler, Taylor Galas, Stephanie McCollum, Sofia Linares, Kourtney Madsen, Alex Brown, Debbie Wetberg, Carrie Harre, Ellie Rust, Ashton Cartwright, Camille Lemler, Nicky Souza, Sam Thurber, Lauren Alexander, Mikaela Long, Chris Stratton, Danielle Campbell, Katie Gifford, Karen Alvin, Daniel Allen, Alexis Volkman, Kelly Green, Joe Lopat, Amanda Patrick, Jarrett Moerins, Danielle Biela

Minutes Prepared by: Ellie Rust

Called to Order: 3:19 PM

Call to Administration

- Nothing at this Time

School Requests

- Motion to approve DYMO address labels for visitor tags and command hanging strips for the staff photo wall in the amount of \$177.25 made by Hayley Powell. Motion Passes.
- Motion to approve trophy purchase for Unstructured Time Cougar Pride Challenges in the amount of \$55 made by Danielle Biela,. Motion Passes.
- SPICE requesting snack and snack cart for provided structured activity for students to practice social skills and functional life skills. Motion to approve the snack cart (without the purchase of snacks) not to exceed \$400 made by Jackie Galloway, Motion Passes.

Call to Teachers

- Regarding the Teach or Treat portion of Autumn at the Rim (Fall Festival, October 17)
 - Teacher's costumes DO NOT need to be a secret, the PTA encourages teachers to communicate their grade level theme to other teachers in order to coordinate.

Call to Members / Students

- The Student Council will be selling popcorn and lollipops at the Autumn at the Rim festival.
- The PTA has requested to team up with the Canyon Rim Student Council to help decide what the Boosterthon gift should be this year.

Review of Past Events

- Peter Piper Pizza (Back to School Night) - The school raised \$682, which is significantly lower than previous years. It is also worth noting, the Yearbook party in May 2025 was also significantly lower. Fundraising VP is looking for, and open to, suggestions for a venue for future Yearbook Parties and Back to School Nights.
- Frios Pop day (August 27) made \$65. Due to low numbers, the PTA will not be continuing with this fundraiser.

PTA Business

- Nothing at this Time

Upcoming Events

- Grandparent's Breakfast will be tomorrow, September 5 at 7:00 AM. Since we are unable to set up the tables this evening, the PTA is requesting volunteers arrive at 6:00 AM. Extra signage has been made to remind grandparents to stay with their grandchildren until 7:45 am, when the school is officially open.
- Diamondbacks Day is on September 21, Canyon Rim PTA receives \$5 per ticket sold and has made \$445, so far.

- Autumn at the Rim is October 17 (5 PM - 8 PM). This will be in place of our spring carnival, Cougarnival.
 - Due to increased feedback of conflicting schedules in the Spring, the carnival has been moved to the fall and will be more of a traditional fall festival.
 - The fall festival will also be combined with Teach or Treat (which will run from 5 PM to 7 PM).
 - Ticket prices are still undetermined at this time, but will follow the traditional Cougarnival selling timeline with a pre-sale offered weeks before the event and will be less expensive than Cougarnival wristbands.
 - A wristband only needs to be purchased for children, adults do not need wristbands.
 - While the planning committee is still working on small games & activities, the swing ride, fiberglass slide, and two inflatables have been booked. The PTA has also booked Creature Kingdom, in lieu of the petting zoo and a photo booth.
 - There will be a reading corner, that will also act as a sensory area for overstimulated children, which will also satisfy family engagement for Title I. Teachers, staff, and others who would like will be asked to volunteer to read stories to children.
 - Kids will be wearing costumes
 - There will be no silent auction
 - The PTA discussed the option of adding a “donate a wristband” option in Givebacks to allow families to donate to others that might not be able to afford their own wristbands.

Board Reports

- Membership: 93 Members
 - This reflects a 2.2% increase year-to-date and 74% of our 2025-2026 Membership goal.
- Fundraising:
 - The PTA has launched a Magic Story fundraiser. Families can create children’s books with a cartoon image of their children. This is ongoing all year, but will be advertised more around Christmas.
 - In lieu of Butterbraid and Cookie Dough, Our fall fundraiser will be Popcorn, which will run from November 10th through the 25th. The Canyon Rim PTA will receive \$7.50 for every tin sold (tins cost \$15).

- Boosterthon has been booked for February
- Marketing: Nothing at this time
- Hospitality:
 - Portillos will be provided to Teachers for Parent/Teacher Conference night. Still considering Schlotsky's Deli or Jimmie John's for the entire staff meal.
 - A recent purchase to refill the Teacher/Staff snack cart has been made.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Nothing at this Time
- Treasurer:
 - The bank account was reconciled and verified. No big income or expense items this month.
 - Motion to approve August financial statement made by Danielle Biela. Motion Passes.
 - The price for Money Minder (software used by the PTA treasurer) has increased. Motion to amend the PTA 2025-2026 Budget line item Reflections from \$300 to \$198.59 and move that \$101.41 to Money Minder line item increasing it from \$200 to \$301.41 made by Jen Packer. Motion passes.
 - Motion to amend the PTA 2025-2026 Budget by removing the Reflections line item and transferring the remaining \$198.59 to General purchases made by Jen Packer. Motion passes

PTA Business

- Motion to use PTA gift card to compensate babysitter for watching children during meeting made by Bonni Beveridge. Motion Passes.
- **Motion to Approve Amendment to Standing Rules**
- Motion to amend the Standing Rules regarding Debit and Credit Card Use made by Danielle Biela. The amendment states:
 - Debit card purchases **must be within budget and pre-approved using the Debit Card Purchase Form by two bank signers who are not the card user.**
 - Remove the requirement that purchases "must be pre-approved by the Executive Board."

- Remove the Debit Card Purchase Form requirement: **“Form must be completed and signed by the President and either the Vice President or the Treasurer.”**
- Remove all references to “Credit Card,” as the PTA does not have one.

Motion Passes.

- Motion to amend Standing Rules. Amendment is a grammatical error where one sentence was cut into two bullet points made by Sam Thurber. Motion Passes.

Next Meeting Date is October 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM in School Library

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 PM