

Canyon Rim Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2024

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

Attendance: Joe Lopat, Jackie Galloway, Amanda Patrick, Ellie Rust, Shawnie Bruce, Lit L, Samantha Thurber, Sara Neeves, Nick Lopat, Phyllis Lopat, Danielle Biela, Derek Serrano, Monica Garza, Lana Murphy, Renee Fuentes, Bonni Beveridge and Curtis Fletcher

Minutes Prepared by: Ellie Rust

Called to Order: 5:31 PM

Call to Administration

The results are back from the AZ Department of Education and Canyon Rim is the number one elementary school in our district and is ranked number twelve in all of Arizona for K-6 schools.

Next Tuesday, November, 12, is our Title I Family Game Night.

School Requests

Request for dice to be used for family game night, 5 sets of 110 dice for \$5.98 each for a total of \$32.25. It was determined that this request does not need to be voted on because it will be taken out of the pre-existing budget line, Ultimate Family Fun Night, under events.

School requests 4 radios for a total of \$2080 to align with school safety standards. New radios and old radios are not compatible with each other. Old radios would be kept on site and could be used by school and/or PTA for event nights. Motion to approve 4 radios for a total of \$2080 made by Sara Neeves. Motion Passes.

School requesting popcorn from the PTA for the annual 2nd grade popcorn party during the second quarter for students who meet their AR goal during the 2nd quarter. It was determined that PTA currently has a popcorn stocked in PTA storage and purchasing popcorn is not necessary.

Call to Members

Oceanography club is not active this year, due to lack of interest from teachers to participate, as the position is not paid and a lot of work.

The tables that the PTA purchased as a gift last year will be delivered and installed over winter break.

Call to Teachers

Ms. Patrick provided feedback gathered from teachers regarding the Teach or Treat event. There were a few staff members that preferred the event outside, but overall, most staff liked the event indoors. Due to the popularity of the event, it was suggested that it be extended so that more students could participate, and potentially moving it to a Friday. The teachers enjoyed being in groups, but were disappointed they weren't able to easily see other groups of teachers, their costumes and decorations. It was suggested by Admin that there be more clarity/ better management with volunteers. For example, planned out jobs, point of contact, more specific descriptions in the sign up for positions.

The lack of volunteers was also discussed and some ideas to garner more volunteers were offered. Ideas included: ask teachers to speak with "room parents" who volunteer in their rooms to help with events, send out volunteer sign up more in advance to give busy parents time to schedule, sending out volunteer emails initially through Monica to the whole school, putting a volunteer link to PTA website in Cougar Roar that leads to upcoming events where help is needed. Emailing link to teachers to put in their weekly newsletter to parents. It was suggested that Monica and Bonnie get together to discuss a firm process of how the PTA will ask for volunteers, in order to get the word out as efficiently as possible, with as few emails as possible.

Game truck is scheduled the same day as the spelling bee, which is from 8:30-10:30 AM on 11/19 for 4th through 6th grades.

Financial Statements

o We spent significantly less money on candy this year for Teach or Treat, however, we did almost run out of candy. Will need more candy for next year.

Motion to approve October Financials made by Curtis Fletcher. Motion passes.

PTA Business

There is currently an opening for VP, no candidates as of yet.

Review of Past Events

See Call to Teachers

Upcoming Events

Kona Ice

Turkey Trot - we are good on otter pops

Donuts with Your Favorite Guy - Bashas has provided a \$500 gift card for the purchase of donuts. We will be doing pre-paid orders and cash at the door. The QR code will be on a banner

in front of the school as well as on fliers going home with students. Coffee makers were decided against for the time being, due to logistical reasons. Coffee will be purchased.

Event Committee Reports

A Committee has been established for the school gift/fundraiser purchase by the PTA to do the leg work and figure out logistics of possible gifts to then present at the meeting, prior to boosterthon.

Board Reports

o Membership: 86 Members

Next Meeting Date is December 5th at 5:30 PM in the School Library.

Meeting Adjourned 6:39 PM