

LAGUNA PTO MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hillary Mackowski, Taria Smith, Amy Gregory, Lesley Mader, Paula Dameron, Sandra Siegel, Lori Soble

GUESTS

Dr. Katie Root, Principal

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

President's Report - Hillary Mackowski

Attendance Policy report: The new attendance policy has provided positive results. Tardies are down over last year. The policy will be adopted district wide. Illnesses have hit our campus hard recently, causing our absence rate to increase. We need to maintain 95% attendance for each month. We have dropped below that percentage one month already this year and will probably do so again in January. The 1st, 40th and 100th days of school are important attendance days and we need to make that known next year. Also, there are certain times of the day for each grade level that are better to pull your child out for appointments. It was discussed that each grade needs to provide that information to our parents, either by posting it on the Fusion/teacher web page or through the newsletter.

McDonald's Day will take place Thursday, February 24 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Laguna PTO will receive 15% of the proceeds and will be in competition with other Scottsdale schools for an additional \$1,000 given to the school with the most sales. Staff will participate behind the counter and at drive thru (Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Foster and Nurse Patty). We are allowed to supply tip jars and decorate with children's artwork. Hillary recommended we distribute coloring pages prior to the event for a coloring contest.

4th and 5th Grade Awards: Students that attain Honor Roll, Principal's List or Principal's List with Distinction for all four quarters will be honored. Plaques will be presented to 5th graders and certificates to 4th graders. PTO is responsible for supplying small gifts for these students. Some suggestions were lapel pins, bumper stickers, beach balls, large sunglasses, yo-yos, and Subway gift cards.

The **Artist in Residence program** is approaching. Hillary requested help in preparing for the 1st grade performance, March 30. The program is funded by an AZ Commission for the Arts grant. All School Board members are invited to attend.

Hillary distributed the 2011-2012 **PTO Board of Directors nomination form**. The form will be included in the next newsletter.

Rackel Gehlsen has requested to rent the **PTO marquee** for February 14 to wish her daughter luck in the upcoming Arabian Horse Show. The Board agrees to this at the cost of \$50.

Vice President's Report - Taria Smith

Taria reported a **tax credit of \$28,950 this year**. This amount is much lower than previous years and may result in decreased funding for programs such as Science Club, Runner's Club, Enrichment, Eagle Singers and Field Trips.

Treasure's Report - Lesley Mader

Lesley is concerned that we will not meet **profit goals for the Fundraiser auction**. She predicts we will need an additional \$7,000 to meet this year's budget. Lesley offered several ways to reduce the budget; decrease Professional Development, request student council take on Student Agenda, remove Wish List, remove Teacher's Supply (an extra stash of supplies has been located), remove New Families, remove PTO Office Supplies and decrease Miscellaneous School Expenses. We need to determine what funds are actually needed for Publishing Center.

Resource Development Report

Report given by Hillary Mackowski in Karin Kilburg's absence.

We look towards a **Spring Golf Tournament at Ancala Country Club**. Other fundraising suggestions include Friday Night Movie Night and Saturday Pancake Breakfast or Spaghetti Dinner.

Academic Program Report - Sandra Siegel

Sandra reports the Laguna Yearbook is coming along.

Communications Report - Amy Gregory

Amy reports a 36% **opening rate** for our bi-monthly newsletter.

Hillary provided a list of many **email addresses** on newsletter distribution that have been labeled "not viable", requested Amy check into this matter.

Sales Fundraising Report

Report given by Hillary Mackowski in Kiera Allen's absence.

New Book Fair update: April 18 set up, April 21 teacher luncheon & Wish List selection (also may include early bird passes sold at auction), April 25-29 Book Fair, April 28 Open House.

Hillary shared that a team from **Cochise Elementary School will be assisting with Funraiser auction** check-in. A Laguna team will in turn help with their auction at a later date.

Hospitality & Special Event Report

Report given by Hillary Mackowski in Jessica Zimmerman's absence.

Pizza will be sold at the Talent Show, Thursday February 17.

Volunteer Resource Report- Lori Soble

Special Needs Awareness Day for our 1st graders is scheduled for Wednesday March 2nd from 9:00-10:30 am and 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Felicia Comstock will serve as Chairperson. Approximately seven volunteers are needed for each time slot to assist with 3 blocks of centers focusing on disability training. Lori plans to begin recruiting volunteers for New Book Fair and Artist in Residence.

Community Outreach Night will be held March 29. Mrs. Shamy will organize this evening in which families come together for community service. Lori suggested the Miracle League organization, buddies team up to help special needs kids play baseball.

Principal's Report-Dr. Root

The **kindergarten playground "turf" donation** from Laguna's auction 2007 has been revoked. Dr. Root has saved \$5,000 for installation but we are still in need of another donation by a school district approved vendor. The cost of turf and installation is \$16,000.

Dr. Root will be adding a **Foundation request to the Eagle Wish List**. \$12,000 is needed for each kindergarten class to structure, monitor and assess. The program will emphasize a strong reading foundation and intervene when a student shows poor Aims Test scores so that these students are less likely to be retained at 3rd grade.

Dr. Root thanked the Board members that assisted with Kindergarten Round Up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Minutes reported by Paula Dameron, PTO Secretary.