

MINUTES

Coyote Hills PTSO

Date | time 3/28/2018 3:15 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Zalewski

In Attendance

Terry Balliet, Vickie Zalewski, Nicole Friedl, Jill Patton, Janelle Hogue, Amy Wolff, Sophie Wolff, Dianna Reagan, Shannon Kelley, Lacy Dworshak and Julie Abbott.

Board

All attendees have been to meetings before, Vickie introduced Lacy to attendees.

Principal Update

- Balliet gave update on AZ Merit preparation and testing: All tests are now online. All AZ Merit testing will be completed by the April 13th testing break. Only AIMS Science will be done on the following Tuesday (April 17th).
- Balliet gave information regarding the current “Red for Education” (Red for Ed) campaign: today there is a march at the Arizona State Capital. Our educators are very active; Mrs. Robinson is our school’s representative for Red for Ed. Balliet has given her the names of active parents in our community to contact. Funding has continued to decrease for schools, teachers, etc. The teachers are trying to get the voice heard about a situation that has needed more attention for some time. Over the past 2 to 3 weeks groups in Arizona are becoming more vocal and want more money for public education and safer schools for our kids.
- Balliet provided information on a “gaga ball” pit that Peoria Traditional installed: has caused quite a stir on campus. This is something Eric Stone (principal for Peoria Traditional) mentioned early in the year but since then no further discussion. It is within the basketball courts enclosure since it is mobile and do not want it getting stolen over weekend or at night. Balliet and Abbott are discussing safety issues and monitoring. Currently no Coyote Hills students are playing on it. Balliet has asked our P.E. teachers to discuss safety within the next couple days. Discussion was held about how to monitor and make safe for students. Shannon Kelly is happy to put out a bucket of balls but is hard to get the students to return. Shannon suggested that K through 4th grades use their own bag of balls and put the bucket out for 5th through 8th grades.
- Balliet shared that David Roache, our site lead who does our daily maintenance, has fabricated a new mechanism with help from Mr. Flint. It is something new that he shared with staff yesterday. It is mechanism item that fits over the door hinge and can be slide into place to stop a door from being opened even if the door is unlocked. Could be used for lockdown. Mr. Flint as able to make 100 mechanisms for only \$300, the same item was selling at \$80/item in a catalog. Dave will put a hook by the doors in rooms to hang when not in use, does not replace locking doors. Question was raised: what about Copy Center; the doors for this room don’t have hinge, but also need a way to lock during lockdown. Balliet will look into having the mechanisms in Copy Center fixed to have lockdown key ability.
- Shannon discussed funds from the state: How will it be dispersed? She wrote a letter to Ken Hicks (District CFO) about any funds be utilized towards having an “Intervention Specialist” (I.S.) at elementary schools. Amy asked for clarification on this title/position. Balliet explained was there to watch for kids dealing with divorce, moving, trouble with friends, etc. He explained that these staff members were highly trained and they worked with teachers as well. Mrs. Birt was at our school in this capacity. She moved over to the high school prior to the elimination of these positions at the elementary school. Several attendees agreed that is was a great loss not to have someone at our school to assist with problems that arise in children’s lives. Amy asked is a SOR (police officer) or an I.S. better? Balliet said in his eyes an I.S. is better for us to have, they were always referred to as “they eyes and ears” of our school. Amy asked Shannon to send her the letter she sent to Hicks, so she can read

and draft a letter herself to send advocating for this position. Vickie asked Balliet if we can put out to parents a call to contact Hicks in support of this as well. Dianna suggested bringing up at next PUPC meeting since Hicks is typically in attendance. Lacy asked if administration keeps track of bullying kids and/or kids that are being bullied. Balliet said yes, has notebooks uses for this topic.

- Vickie asked Balliet for update on vaping issue, how did officer talk go? Balliet explained that he informed then that for 7th/8th graders at elementary you receive a 9 day suspension, high school is a 5 day suspension but a citation is issued through the courts as well. So in high school, it becomes a matter that involves the legal system as well. Guidance counselors came as well and spoke about how bad choices follow you through your years there and into future. During this same session previous Sunrise Mountain students came to talk about how mistakes follow you and choices you make direct your path and effect your future. Shannon commented it helps to see legally what can happen since most students don't consider this aspect. Balliet said there have been 2 more suspensions, 1 junior high and 1 younger. These devices can be deceptive because some even look like a flash drive.

Treasurer Update:

- Current reports provided. Jill shared that Carnival had made approximately \$8000 towards the grade levels. This was a decrease from 2017 Carnival but about average compared to prior years.
- Vickie brought up Amazon Smile: asked Lacy if she uses when shopping online? Does she have her Fry's card linked for the Community Rewards Program? Discussed trying to get the word out more. Encouraged everyone to share this information with friends, family, grandparents, and neighbors without kids. Balliet will talk to staff and remind them about shopping through Amazon Smile and also put onto next call home.

Old Business/Funds requested:

- Carnival update from Vickie: it was a great success, good feedback from teachers, staff and attendees. Dianna Reagan's game was a great success and she donated the funds raised to the Copy Center. Copy Center is interested in possibly getting new dye cuts. Nicole said Linda is already also looking into a binding machine. Lacy mentioned missed having the cake walk at the event, what happened to that booth? Vickie informed it was 6th grade that did that a couple years ago, but they have done the Krispy Kreme doughnuts for 2 years now and are raising more money this way.

New Business/Request for Funds

- No requests at this time.
- Culver's update from Janelle: event is 4/25. They have provided flyer and Janelle will update and get to Nicole for PTSO Facebook page and get ready for distribution.
- Bingo update from Janelle: has already been given confirmation of a donation from State Farm (in the form of a gift basket), Chick-Fil-A (in the form of some small gift bundles), Ceretta's (gift baskets again like last year), Hubbard Swim School (certificate for a month of lessons) and Trader Joe's (a shopping bag of food like last year). Vickie has confirmation of donations from Panda Express, Paparazzi (jewelry) and will be checking with Sonic and Peter Piper as well for coupons. Janelle will try to obtain donations from Dairy Queen, see about Ray's Pizza and Planet Fitness. Also stated Culvers usually gives us some coupons. Lacy is interested in taking donation letters to local businesses for donations – Vickie will provide her with the letters.
- Bracelet update from Shannon: the bracelets that we ordered to support families facing difficulties (financially or medically) will come in this week. PTSO helped fund the initial purchase and Kristy Martin donated \$100 as well. Message says "No One Fights Alone".

Announcements/Reminders

- a) PUPC update from Nicole Friedl: Next PUPC meeting will be held 4/18 at the District office, the time again is 4:30-6:30p.m. Election is being held at this meeting and they are soliciting for it now to any parents interested and have a child in the District.
- b) Nicole was at a Red for Ed event and has also spoke to Mrs. Robinson. At the event teachers spoke about the difficulties of making such low pay and being able to support their families on it. How so many have 2nd jobs, take coaching positions, etc. just to pay the bills and even be able to put braces on their own kids. Some even have Master's Degree and yet not compensated as they should be for their hard work. Nicole said it was so hard to hear how much they struggle and that not enough funding is provided to schools. Robinson reviewed the information provided. Teachers in the forefront about education; trying to raise awareness. They are: not unionized, not anti-charter, not politically backed, and are parents.
- c) Next General PTSO Meeting will be held Tuesday May 1st, 2018 @ 6:30pm. Information will be posted on the website.

Motion to adjourn was made at **4:23pm** and was passed unanimously.