

MINUTES

Coyote Hills PTSO

Date | time 01/13/2016 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Zalewski

In Attendance

Terry Balliet, Vickie Zalewski, Nicole Friedl, Jill Patton, Dianna Reagan, Greg Krahn

Principal Report

Terry Balliet described some Professional Development changes being considered by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Heather Cruz, based primarily on parent survey feedback. In recent years, Professional Development has been provided during early dismissal or full days typically paired with holidays or 3-day weekends. An idea currently in discussion is to change early dismissals (releasing students at 11AM) to delayed openings (classes begin at 9:30AM). The concept is being floated around teacher and parent groups at this time and has yet to be presented to the district board for a vote. Because teachers report to campus at 7:30AM, a 9:30AM start would allow for two hours of Professional Development and only impact the school day by 90 minutes. Additionally, survey feedback indicated a delayed start may be less of a burden on parents than arranging childcare from 11AM until a parent is available. Another benefit of this approach is better assurance that all students receive adequate meals, as lunch is not provided by the district on early release days. After school events and athletics would also be positively impacted by such a schedule change. Mr. Balliet also noted these Professional Development days could change from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

Terry Balliet mentioned greatschools.org, a website many parents frequent when considering our school as an option for their child. Parents have many choices with charters, Peoria Traditional, and public options and some will heavily consider our school based on the reviews of other parents on social media and the web. If you are so inclined, please feel free to provide a review for Coyote Hills Elementary on the greatschools.org website.

We now have 30 laptops available for each grade level. Based on potential room in the capital account, Mr. Balliet may be adding 5-7 additional laptops per grade as some classrooms approach 35 students. Some grades would receive more laptops based on needs such as AR testing because it is more convenient and less disruptive to complete in class rather than traveling to the library. Greg asked if the school applies for grants for these types of expenses. Mr. Balliet explained that they do, but many grants tend to favor Title I schools (greater financial need based on metrics such as percent of students on free/reduced lunch).

Treasurer's Report:

Jill provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report to all in attendance. There was no further discussion as there were no questions.

New Business/Request for Funds

President Vickie Zalewski noted that she had not received any new requests for funds.

Vickie has started to "put a bug in teacher's ears" regarding the upcoming Carnival.

Vickie and Nicole inquired with Dianna Reagan regarding the terms of our prior arrangements with Mike Clayton who has provided bounce houses for Carnival. She noted that he provided 3 bounce houses and two generators last year as well as bodies to man them. Vickie noted we do offer him complimentary vendor space to promote his business. We discussed inquiring with him about items geared more toward Junior High students (such as inflatable Human Bumper Balls, inflatable jousting, etc.). Nicole will contact Mike to confirm his services for the April 15th Carnival and inquire about ideas for the Junior High crowd.

Vickie noted that the school lunch tables are all original, from 2008, and showing their age. There may need to be future discussion regarding capital fund consideration for both Coyote Hills and Peoria Traditional as well as PTSO to purchase new tables. Terry Balliet noted it is a considerable expense - even at discount, they can run \$499 a piece or \$6000 for a single row across the Multi-Purpose Room.

Announcements/Reminders

- a) PUPC (Peoria Unified Parent Council) has been on break over the holidays. The next meeting will be January 26th at Sunrise Mountain Library with a presentation on campus security. All PUPC general members, as well as interested community members, are welcome to attend.
- b) Peter Piper fundraiser is January 21st from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. Nicole will post on Facebook and ask Andrea to share it to the school Facebook page as well.
- c) PTSO is hosting a Family Movie Night on January 29th and we will feature the Minions movie. Nicole will inquire with Amy regarding the event title and exact times that will be listed on the flyer to coincide with a Facebook campaign. Nicole will also have Andrea share this with the school Facebook page. The movie is free and pizza, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase.
- d) Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up soon - February 11th & 12th.
- e) Daddy/Daughter Dances will occur on February 3rd & 10th.
- f) Carnival is scheduled for April 15th.
- g) Bingo Night is scheduled for May 6th (5:30 to 7:30 PM?)
- h) PTSO Elections will be held at the May 11th meeting.
- i) Mr. Sanders will be leaving at the end of January, as he has taken a position with CCV.
- j) Dr. Santarelli will retire as District Superintendent and a successor has yet to be determined.

Next Meeting

03/09/2016 6:30 PM, Coyote Hills Elementary School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:33 PM and was passed unanimously.