

MINUTES

Coyote Hills PTSO

Date | time 9/2/2015 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Zalewski

In Attendance

Terry Balliet, Vickie Zalewski, Nicole Friedl, Janelle Hogue, Courtney Kruezweisner, Amy Wolff, Mandy Burris, Lisa Leonard, Laura Oxford, Dianna Reagan, Jessica Vasko, Ann VanderDoes, Ava Ryszkowski, Greg Krahn

Board

The Board, principal, and guests introduced themselves.

Principal Report/Parent University

Terry Balliet discussed the upcoming Parent University scheduled for September 10th from 5-7p.m. The whole night is geared toward parents, giving them strategies for homework and various other special areas in order to help their student be successful at learning.

Terry discussed the open teacher positions for 5th and 7th grades. For 7th grade Mrs. Frey has been hired as a long term substitute and will begin September 9th. Are in the process of interviewing for a new 5th grade teacher.

Terry presented information about the upcoming elections and the PUSD override that will be on the ballot.

- 1996 to current override has been approved by voters and in place
- Current override is 10%
- Proposed override is 13%
 - Asking for 3% more to fund:
 - All day kindergarten to begin 2016 school year
 - Teacher compensation (since 2008 freeze has been in place, 2013/14 a small increase was given. The previous career ladder is gone, meaning teachers lost compensation already.)
- It is important to be an informed voter, can visit the main PUSD website and click on “M&O Override” link at bottom left. All the details are explained there in an easy to understand way.

Terry explained school theme for current year “Oh the Places You’ll Go with a Mindset to Grow” also “Grow to Great”. A growth mindset is needed for students to learn and grow, they need the tools to continue to stretch their learning. Often the gifted students struggle with good study habits due to everything coming easy. Want to challenge our students to build success. Planning to show a “Ted” video at Parent University about “gait” – what to do to achieve goals and what makes successful people successful.

Laura Oxford asked when AZ Merit scores will be available. Terry answered that they are set to be available end of October/beginning of November.

Dianna Reagan asked about ParentVue looking different this year, did something change? Terry answered he will have to have a teacher who is also a parent look up her child to see what has changed. Also noted that now all specials have a grade that counts toward the students GPA.

Old Business/Funds requested:

Cerreta’s Chocolate Connection Fundraiser update. Event was held August 27th. Cerreta’s generously gave us 50% of the sales for the entire day, netting us approximately \$400/\$450. Based on the success of the event, and the Cerreta families continuous

and generous support to our teachers and overall school, we will consider doing another fundraiser with them in the January to May portion of the school year.

New Business/Request for Funds

President Vickie Zalewski presented request for banner. Mrs. Roberts, kindergarten teacher and cross country coach has requested a new Coyote Hills banner for sporting events. Vickie presented the current banner, which was made several years ago, has letters missing and is in no condition to be on display. All in attendance were in agreement to approve the request for a new banner. Nicole Friedl will do artwork and pricing for 2 banners; then follow-up with the board for approval of cost and design.

Announcements/Reminders

- a) PUPC (Peoria Unified Parent Council) update given by Nicole Friedl:
 - Meeting was held on August 18th and was a packed house. Normally these meetings have no more than 20 people in attendance. Definite increase due to upcoming elections. Ken Hicks, PUSD CFO, spoke at event. The Political Action Committee, who is in support of a yes vote on override proposal, was in attendance. They provided materials to support the override to anyone who was interested. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th @ 6:30p.m. at Rio Vista and the political Action Committee will be speaking at the event.
- b) Read-a-Thon kicks off September 10th
- c) Culver's Family Night – Janelle Hogue (Sept 22nd):
 - We are schedule for this fundraiser from 4-8p.m., we will receive 20% of the sales during that time.
- d) Tailgate (October 9th)
- e) McTeacher night reschedule – Vickie Zalewski:
Due to remodel at McDonald's @ 91st Ave/Union Hills, the McTeacher night was moves to October 21st.
- f) Costco Paper Dive – coming up in October, Costco will provide flyers. For every \$75 spent school will receive 1 ream of copier paper. Last year's event was a big success, we received ___ boxes of paper.

Next Meeting

11/4/2015 6:30 PM, Coyote Hills Elementary School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.