

Las Sendas Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2013

Las Sendas Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (“PTO”) met in regular session in the media center at Las Sendas Elementary (“Las Sendas”) 3120 N. Red Mountain Rd., on November 25, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Introduction/Roll Call:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia Goforth (President), Jennifer Berkshire (VP Fundraising), Donna Empson (Treasurer), Jennifer Wall (VP Events), Stephanie Drew (VP Communications), Aaron Kaczmarek (Principal). All Present.

Approval of October 2013 Minutes:

Stephanie Drew

Motion to approve October 2013 minutes as written was made by JoAnn Bondelli, seconded by Amanda Snow. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Donna Empson

Donna discussed 2 “housekeeping” items – we need to unencumber \$50 for the Garage Sale, as no money was spent on that event. Also, we need to unencumber \$224.38 from the Student Directory. The advertisements covered the cost of printing so it cost the PTO no money. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and unencumber above-mentioned funds was made by Angie Jackson and seconded by Erica Marr. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Coyote Campout:

Jennifer Wall

The first-ever Coyote Campout was a great success and a lot of fun. We raised about \$700 – this was intended as a community event for families, not a fundraiser. The entire event only cost us \$1,188.00. Around 200 people attended and we had about 35 tents.

Fundraising:

Jennifer Berkshire

The Friends & Family Campaign was a great success. We raised \$32,000 and will purchase 30 laptops for the students, hopefully in January 2014.

The car wash raised \$55. It was Veteran’s Day weekend, so traffic was much lighter than normal, and perhaps the code was confusing. We may do this event again and see how it goes.

Box Tops – we will be getting an \$800 check from Box Tops. Labels for Education has double points through December and the points can be used for playground equipment, classroom supplies, etc.

Coyotes Dining Out at Chili's – We received a \$530 check from Chili's. The manager was overwhelmed with the participation from Las Sendas – we had an excellent turn out.

New Business:

Friends & Family Campaign:

Jennifer Berkshire

Jennifer Berkshire requested to encumber \$33,200 to purchase 32 laptops, 2 mobile computer cards and 2 printers. This will be 100% of the funds donated to the Friends & Family Campaign being used to purchase technology as promised. Motion to encumber funds was made by Nicole Mongiovi and seconded by Pam McConnell. Motion passed.

Jennifer also requested to encumber \$1500 to pay for the installation of the Friends & Family brick pathway. Motion was made by Erica Marr and seconded by Angie Jackson. Motion passed.

Spirit Wear:

Alicia Goforth

The PTO will be putting in the final order for the year. Order forms will be available on the PTO website and in the front office. We are adding hoodies, a track jacket and water bottle. Items must be ordered by December 5th in order to ensure delivery before Winter Break. Alicia is requesting to encumber \$2,000 to purchase Spirit Wear. Motion made by Sally Ruhland and seconded by Pam McConnell. Motion passed.

Wednesday Envelopes:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia requested to encumber \$300 to pay for the Wednesday envelopes for the second half of the school year. Motion made by Sally Ruhland and seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Jingle Jog:

Pam McConnell

Pam McConnell requested to encumber \$200 to purchase prizes for the Jingle Jog, which is held the last Friday before break. Motion to encumber \$200 was made by Scott Hockings and seconded by Sally Ruhland. Motion passed.

Holiday Wish Tree:

Tami Wilke

Tami Wilke requested to encumber \$50.00 to put together this year's Teacher Wish Tree. The tree will be in the office starting December 2. Motion made by Cain Reagan, seconded by Amanda Snow. Motion passed.

Shop Hop:

Donna Empson

Donna discussed the plans for our new event called the “Shop Hop.” Donna has secured 3 sponsors for the event to be held December 13th from 6:30 – 9 pm. We have an iPad mini donated by the Casey family, which will be raffled off at the event. Bounce U is coming to make balloon animals free of charge. We are looking for teachers to help students shop in the Santa shop (sign up sheet is in the workroom), also need volunteers to help run the event. Sign up is on the website and can log onto Sign Up Genius to fill a slot. The Santa shop will be stocked with cute, fun items packaged in bags and ribbons, ready to be put under the tree.

Principal’s Report:

Aaron Kaczmarek

Mr. Kaczmarek asked to encumber \$40 to reimburse Alicia Goforth for the purchase of jingle bells for the Jingle Jog. Motion made by Pam McConnell and seconded by Erica Marr. Motion passed.

Common Core – Mr. Kaczmarek asked to encumber \$400 to pay Janelle Chisolm to teach 2 sessions of parent information classes on Common Core math. The classes would be held sometime in January. Motion to encumber funds was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Amanda Snow. Motion passed.

Next PTO Goal – we now have 2 computer cards plus 2 more coming in January. A discussion ensued regarding the usefulness of 1 cart of 15 computers per grade level or is 30 computers more appropriate? Teachers don’t have to answer now, but be thinking about it and share input with Mr. Kaczmarek. JoAnn Bondelli said that it would be more beneficial for 4th grade to have 30 laptops at a time. All other teachers present at the meeting agreed with this.

Also discussed was maybe a technology push for K, 1st and 2nd grade – would tablets be appropriate for this age group? Will continue to discuss.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Angie Jackson.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.