

Las Sendas Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

December 16, 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 December 16, 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 November 2013 Minutes: Stephanie Drew

Motion to approve November 2013 minutes as written was made by Ali Weinke, seconded by Amanda Snow. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Donna Empson

Donna discussed the ordering of the mobile lab – that is why our account is so low at the moment. The money is being well-spent, so we are excited. “Housekeeping” items: Unencumber the following funds: Mobile Lab: \$69.68, Wish Tree : \$24.91, Jingle Jog: \$9.83, Coyote Campout: \$2,304.99. Motion to unencumber funds made by JoAnn Bondelli, seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Principal’s Report: Aaron Kaczmarek

The Mobile Labs are ordered. Mr. Kaczmarek talked about possibly ordering some Microsoft Surface tablets instead of the laptops, but while we could have ordered more of those, the PTO wanted to stay true to what we advertised, which was purchasing laptops for students. Question to those present: Do we want to consider purchasing tablets for the future? Feedback on Microsoft Surface?

ECA Update – we are paid up through the rest of the school year, but need about \$20,000 more to keep Suzuki and Intramural sports for the next school year.

Textbook Adoption – The district is looking to purchase new textbooks for 2014-2015 – parents are encouraged to test out books and will have until January 22 in the library to check out the different offerings. Mesa has not purchased textbooks in the past 10 years, so this is a significant decision for the district.

Old Business:

Shop Hop: Donna Empson

We had approximately 300 people attend the Shop Hop. It was a fantastic night with an

awesome DJ. Kids danced for 2 ½ hours, won prizes. The Media Center hosted the Shop – we bought about \$1200 worth of items, only had to return about \$250. iPad Air raffle was a huge success – raised \$815.00 with that alone. Total profit for the night was \$2,805.41

Fundraising:

Jennifer Berkshire

Bricks are ordered and will be delivered and installed the week before school starts back in January.

Coyotes Dining Out at Smashburger. We will be offering to go out to pick up lunch for teachers. We receive 20% of sales. Top two teachers with highest participation receive \$10 in Smashbucks. Tom's BBQ set for January 15.

Box Tops – Mrs. Weinke's class won the cookie party. The prize for January/February is a pizza party.

New Business:

Family Movie Night:

Jennifer Wall

The PTO is planning a Family Movie Night for April. We hope to host it outdoors, with two movies – one for the older kids, one for the younger ones. We will have a survey to vote on which movie will be shown. We will have snacks, perhaps the Chik-fil-A truck? Jennifer would like to encumber \$750 for the event to be held April 4th, 2014. Motion made by Sally Ruhland, seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Staff Holiday Gift:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia is requesting to encumber \$100.00 to purchase a Keurig coffee maker as a gift for the Las Sendas Elementary staff. Motion made by Ali Weinke, seconded by JoAnn Bondelli, motion passed.

Cupid's Cards:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia is requesting to encumber \$900.00 to cover the cost of purchasing carnation flowers, chocolates and misc. items for the PTO Valentine's Day fundraiser, Cupid's Cards. Motion made by Mrs. Cull, seconded by Amanda Snow. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Mrs. Cull

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.