

Las Sendas Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014

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 May 19, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Introduction/Roll Call: Alicia Goforth

Alicia Goforth (President), Jennifer Berkshire (VP Fundraising), Jennifer Wall (VP Events), Stephanie Drew (VP Communications), Aaron Kaczmarek (Principal), present. Donna Empson was absent.

Approval of April 2014 Minutes: Stephanie Drew

Motion to approve April 2014 minutes as written was made by Michelle Zima, seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Donna Empson

Donna was unable to be here tonight, so Alicia gave an update on the Treasurer’s Report. Alicia showed everyone the fundraising summary – once we have the money from GiveSmart, we will have over \$50,000 in available funds. Mrs. Silva asked about GiveSmart and if it ended up being worth the cost. Alicia told the group that last year’s auction netted about \$22,000 after expenses. This year, we netted about \$31,000 after expenses. So we did make more, but it could also be a number of other factors. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Silva talked about how they loved the venue and community feel that was present all night long. Nicole Mongiovi brought up the idea of having “charging stations” next year, since everyone’s cellphone battery was depleted.

Overall, this year was a huge success. We raised over \$90,000 this year! We will spend the last \$30,000 on technology to finish off our mobile lab initiative.

Housekeeping – we need to unencumber \$55.00 for the Annual Report. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and unencumber funds was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Principal’s Report: Aaron Kaczmarek

We are wrapping up the school year. Today was our first ever “Move Up” Day and it went very well. There was good energy, kids were excited to meet their new teachers for next year. Members mentioned that it makes the transition easier for kids and teachers loved getting to know their students without parents present.

New Business:

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia requested to encumber \$63.90 for the remaining balance of the cost of the end of year volunteer appreciation lunch, catered by Nando's. Motion to encumber funds was made by Annie Brown and seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Spring Book Fair:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia requested to encumber an additional \$902.75 to pay Scholastic for the inventory sold during the spring book fair. We sold more books than anticipated! This makes the total paid to Scholastic \$6,902.75. Motion to encumber funds was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Annie Brown. Motion passed.

Media Center Discretionary Account:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia requested to encumber \$3,443.31 for the Media Center discretionary account. This is the total profit from the spring book fair. Motion to encumber funds was made by Dawn Silva and seconded by Michelle Zima. Motion passed.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Alicia Goforth

Alicia requested to encumber an additional \$100.00 to cover expenses incurred during teacher appreciation week. Motion to encumber funds was made by Annie Brown and seconded by Michelle Zima. Motion passed.

BrainPop Jr.:

Annie Brown

Annie Brown requested to encumber \$925.00 to purchase a 12 month license to access BrainPop Jr. as an online resource for grades K-3 for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Brown heard about it at a meeting at Sousa Elementary, and the teachers there love it and found it enhanced their lessons. Motion to encumber funds for this item was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

Free Money Program:

Jennifer Berkshire

Jennifer gave an update on the Free Money program and gave a year to date total on how much was raised. Through free money programs such as Albertsons, eScrip, Frys, Box Tops and Coyotes Dining Out events, we made over \$10,000 just by shopping and eating at local restaurants!

Jennifer asked if there were any suggestions to include for next year. Michelle Zima suggested looking into Harkins Movie cups as a fundraiser. Also, Jennifer is going to get eScrip and Amazon's free money program started this summer. Other ideas included Sonic night and a Food Truck night at the school.

Second Grade Quest Necklaces:

Michelle Zima

Michelle Zima requested to encumber \$86.55 to pay for second grade Quest necklaces. These were started as a motivation tool for 2nd graders and it is very successful and the kids really enjoy them. Motion to encumber funds was made by Annie Brown and seconded by JoAnn Bondelli. Motion passed.

2014-2015 Executive Board Elections:

Alicia Goforth

At the last meeting, we elected a President, VP of Events, VP of Communications, VP of Fundraising and a Treasurer. The Treasurer-elect decided to rescind her name as Treasurer. Two members have been nominated to serve on the 2014-2015 PTO Executive Board for two remaining openings of Treasurer and Secretary: Dana Butters (Treasurer) and Michele Barragan (Secretary). Motion to approve Dana Butters and Michele Barragan to the Executive Board was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Michelle Zima. Motion passed.

Motivation Reading Common Core Workbooks:

Dawn Silva

Dawn Silva requested to encumber \$270.00 for the purchase of 26 workbooks that will be used by 3rd and 4th grade. These books were determined to be excellent resources for the teachers and students as we progress with the Common Core. Motion to encumber funds was made by Dawn Silva and seconded by Tonja Lazier. Motion passed.

Technology:

Alicia Goforth

We want to finish out the year by fulfilling our technology goal of filling out the mobile computer carts. We would like to leave \$15,000 for next year's PTO to get started, and the rest will be spent on laptops for the mobile labs and 5 ipads for Special Education to use. Mr. Reagan mentioned that we do have some issues getting Apple products to work successfully on our network, so we will look into purchasing tablets instead. Alicia requested to encumber all available funds minus \$15,000. Motion to encumber funds was made by Annie Brown and seconded by Tonja Lazier. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Tonja Lazier and seconded by Dawn Silva. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2014