

Alexander Science Center School PTA
GENERAL PTA MEETING MINUTES

February Meeting
March 3, 2010

Minutes recorded by Marie Geib

In Attendance: Exec. Board: Lupe Ramírez, Kristyn Cota, Marie Geib, (See Sign-in sheets for general membership names).

Meeting called to order 8:37

Lupe Ramírez presided as Dwain Morris-Irvin was unable to attend

Agenda Item 1: Introduction by board members and parents attending

Agenda Item 2: Approval of January PTA General Meeting Minutes

- A. Lupe noted change in specified meeting date
- B. Kristyn motioned to approve; Marie Seconds

Agenda Item 3: Financial Report

- A. Zahid not present – Lupe reviews financial report as presented in agenda
- B. 4th grade field trip to San Juan Capistrano is approved with no discussion, Cara Aguirre motions to approve; Lisa Placenti seconds
- C. Request to reimburse 2nd grade field trip to the Science Center is approved, Carmen Veazie motions to approve; Kristyn seconds

Agenda Item 4: – How to Spend PTA monies for the school

- A. Paula: How will we apportion the remaining funds? Asks there be a way for Principal to know what teachers will be spending their monies on. She needs to see teacher's requests and must make sure the money being spent meets the criteria for expenditures on the student body.
- B. Parent question re what the money being paid out in Agenda #3 is needed for? Board members clarified that teachers had asked for money to spend on materials in their classroom rather than more field trips
- C. Parent question if money for the 4th grade field trip (approved above) was already deducted from amount available to teachers? Lupe clarifies that the full \$4K is available to the teachers

Agenda Item 5: Fundraising activities for the semester

- A. T-shirt sales: Friday (3/5) Kristyn will be here to distribute orders taken through that morning. T-shirt sales have currently garnered \$900. She needs assistance to fill orders: in Parent Center for 1 hour, Friday, March 5th
- B. Chocolate Sales: Dwain is researching vendors – we are interested in getting parent input
- C. Marathon: Per Paula, it can be done during school time as a physical fitness activity
- D. Parent question about Jumprope for Heart – Paula answered it has been delayed because of the conflict with the Conolodated Charity fund drive

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- E. Parent suggestion the the marathon be on a weekend and have families involved with the run/walk. Can also sell t-shirts, water, chocolate as additional fundraiser. Make it a family/community event.
- F. Question was raised if we can use school grounds on a Saturday.
- G. Paula answers that it is possible, however, Intervention programs are running on weekends through May. Also, if program was during school time, teachers can supervise. A weekend program would require a great deal more parent involvement for supervision

Agenda Item 6: End of Year Celebration

- A. Kristyn suggests the possibility of combining the marathon fundraiser with the end-of-year event to make it a more family-inclusive event. Describes how the event has functioned in the past and that we will need many parents assisting to run the program. We will be asking for a donation for an “entrance fee” this year.
- B. Paula: needs paperwork submitted by 1st week in April. School cannot provide any money this year to purchase permits. PTA will need to fully fund the event, including the required permits. She agrees that asking for a donation at entrance is a good idea and makes families aware there is a significant cost to providing the program.

Agenda Item 7: New Board Elections

- A. List of positions was reviewed. Parents encouraged to be involved in PTA leadership and to come to the next meeting to vote on board members.

Agenda Item 8: – Membership

- A. Paula would like to solicit teachers to join the PTA – needs a membership solicitation letter which she will distribute to teachers and include a poster for the office. She will work with Lilia to publish the poster and information.
- B. Lupe reviewed the intention for a final membership drive before the final roster is due in March (?). Encouraged all present to encourage other parents to join.

Carmen asked about **BoxTops**. No parent had taken on the responsibility after _____ left. Marie volunteered to attempt to revive the collection of boxtops.

Agenda Item 9: – Student Achievement Working Group

- A. There will be supervised child care in 3rd grade lab with a DVD and games.

Next General Meeting will be on Saturday, March 27th. Location to be announced (probably Media Center). All parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting as elections will be held.

Meeting adjourned 9:29am