

PTA General Meeting - October, 26th, 2010 (Bijou School – A7)

- Minutes -

Attended by:

PTA officers: Joe Marzocco (president), Jeanette Riva (president-elect), Martha Ubias (vice president), Karen Goldberg (PR), Anita Castles (Cafecitos liaison), Ashley Matilla (treasurer), Kathy Haven (volunteer coordinator), Silke Rover (secretary – had to leave early)

Others present: Karen Tinlin and a big group of Cafecitos members

1. Updates on Fundraisers:

- Chevy's will happen this week
- Walk-a-thon – the biggest fundraiser of the year raised this year almost \$20,000 (*after PTA meeting updated: \$19259.59*). Part of the money will be used for playground renovations.

2. Projected Expenses:

- Tahoe Fence Company will improve the fence around the school – the school district will pay for it but might approach PTA for money as well.
- The PTA board had discussed a reader board to be installed outside of the school but the majority of the PTA officers was in favor of rather focusing on the children and spend money on playground this year.
- Comments: some PTA money should be spent on field trips. However, some money is already set aside for that as well as \$100 per teacher that they sometimes combine for joint field trips. Maybe more money should be set aside? Target has field trip grants. Kathy Haven had told the teachers about it and had said that she would help write the grant proposal but nobody had applied. The proposal is due Sept. 30th of each year. Karen Tinlin explained that field trips are great but very expensive due to finger printing, insurance, busses, etc.

Do teachers go on the same field trips? For 3rd grade, \$1,000 is used to support a trip around the lake. For 4th grade – California History – Kathy is working on grants for kids to go to Coloma for an overnight trip. Teachers will need to commit to this. 5th grade – UNR as part of the Avid field trip. 1st and 2nd – nothing really planned for a field trip.

3. Student Council President report: Sukima Martinez –

- Thanks for organizing the walk-a-thon.
- Offered help to PTA.
- Thanked traffic monitors in the morning for making school safer.
- Would prefer playground equipment.
- Student Council has a spot on the Bijou website.
- School will have an all-day dress-up day on Friday for Halloween. The parade will be at 2:15PM.
- The principal prefers that kids bring a costume instead of wearing it to school in the morning. No make-up in the morning.

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- Student Council will do EdConnect to remind about Friday.

4. Other issues:

- Kathy Haven reported that the Bijou school website gets updated about every two weeks. Parents, please take advantage of that and visit the site frequently.
- Mari Chuy (Cafecitos) has asked for help with morning traffic control. How many people can help and on which days? They need 3 extra people. They want to make a schedule and need to insure that people will really show up in the mornings. Kathy suggested that people sign up for every other week. Mary Chuy and Kathy will work together on maintaining the bulletin board for all the volunteers including Cafecitos. Anita suggested sending home a note explaining the volunteers' role in the mornings and including info on children's safety seats.
- Kathy would like to get info from Cafecitos in English and Spanish for the website.
- Karen Tinlin will give the Cafecitos money to the PTA to deposit in a separate account.
- Nothing has happened yet with uniforms for the school. The issue has been brought up at the PTA roundtable but hasn't been discussed any further. Sue O'Connor has contacted Kings Beach Elementary School about uniforms. They have casual uniforms – white top and blue bottoms. If we implemented uniforms, who would monitor this? We need more info from Kings Beach. The group that supports uniforms needs to do more research on costs, enforcing, info, etc. Maybe have a spirit day every few weeks where kids wear the school t-shirt and blue pants. The spirit days would be coordinated with student council.

5. Holiday Fair: Jen Spina

The fair will be on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 1 – 4PM. Volunteers are needed for help on that day. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 8:30 in the teacher's lounge. The goal of the fair is not a fundraiser but to do something fun for the kids and families. Parents could bring ideas for booths and PTA will pay for supplies.

6. Other dates

- Thursday, Nov. 18th at 6PM is Movie Night: Popcorn, bring pillows, the movie will be Toy Story III. Parents will need to stay. Probably no drinks.
- Charna would like people to help as judges at the talent show try-outs. Also needs organizers. The show will be on June 9th.
- Coats for Kids: Thursday, Oct. 28th from 8:30 – 11:30. Kiwanis needs help passing out the jackets. Teachers have already referred kids.
- Anita Castles asked for help with the Christmas Tree for the Festival of Lights.
- Joe Marzocco: Bijou t-shirt sale will be next week (starting Wednesday, Nov. 3rd) before and at the end of school. There are t-shirts for men, women and kids.

7. Upcoming PTA Meetings

PTA General Meetings:

Thurs. Dec. 2 @ 3:00 pm Staff Lounge

Tues. Jan. 11 @ 8:35 Room A7 (with Cafecitos)

PTA Officers Meetings

Wed. Nov. 17 @ 6:00 – Kathy Haven

Thurs. Jan. 6 @ 6:00 - Jeanette Riva