

THES PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
THES Library

Present: Eliza Platts-Mills, President; Dave Lamkin, Treasurer; Gretchen Otto, Secretary; Jennifer Cheatham, PSS; Lisa Robertson, Principal; Carrie Freeman, Vice Principal; Colin Clark, Advocacy Team

Eliza called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PSS report: Discussion around ways to provide bus passes to families. Jennifer will follow up on some ideas for places she could ask/possible resources. Operation ThunderJoy is underway and will address many issues such as needed eyeglasses. 49 families have signed up as recipients!

Sidebar on Tamalada: 12/6, 3-6pm. Parents make tamales, then cafeteria staff cooks them, then they are for sale at Cultural Festival on 12/9. Gabby and Colin are heading that effort.

Sidebar on Cultural Festival: 12/9, 10-12, will be PTA's second tax-free day. Jennifer Barerra is heading up that effort again. Discussion how to encourage more diverse participation. Carrie will follow up with translators to get their help. Jennifer C. will encourage some ESL families. Choir and Ballet Folklorico will perform.

Sidebar on ESL classes and the idea of having adult dual language get-together/conversations. This is still a goal and plans are percolating.

Principal's report: Nothing additional right now.

Treasurer's Report: Debrief on Fall Carnival. Lower turnout, lower ticket sales, higher expenses. Discussion of possible reasons, and how event went. Will make sure to check date for conflicts in future.

Mini-grants: to Luz Alvarez, in the amount of \$319.60, for books.

Eliza moved and Colin seconded. Motion carried.

Request approval to transfer the \$2500 for Amanda Moore from the Teacher Planning Day budget line item of \$6700, to the MiniGrant line item. And also to extend the mini-grant submittal deadline to February 28, 2018.

Colin moved and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Make Cultural Festival the second tax-free day (for Tamale sales).

Dave moved and Colin seconded. Motion carried.

Advocacy Team report: Great turnout at October meeting, great discussions, all 3 low income communities were represented. Lucero/Oak Creek: new management, some issues. Travis Park: BASTA is helping to organize them to form a tenant's association. BASTA could do another general tenant's rights meeting if we want. Heights: Nothing happening, they are delaying the renovating/building. Still trying to arrange to have Trustee Rodriguez come and tour the school—probably week after Thanksgiving. Discussion about replacing soccer goals. Discussion about lunch menus.

Next meeting for Advocacy tomorrow, Nov. 8 5:30pm in library. December advocacy meeting will be on 12/13.

Thunderboard Report: At October meeting Campus Improvement Plan was discussed, amended, and approved.

Event Planning:

Nov. 16 PTA meeting and performance. Childcare provided 5:45-6:30 in library by Gilda and one other. What to do at PTA portion? Just 2nd and 3rd graders. Have people talk about how they are feeling? Community building exercise? Campus safety plan. Small groups. Need translators. Need projector to present safety plan.

(October minutes not approved yet.)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes by Gretchen Otto, Secretary

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