

Brichta Elementary School PTO Minutes

Location: Brichta School Library
Date: Tuesday, September 14th, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

(twenty-five members present)

Introductions

Principals Report: Principal Cruz

We currently have 412 students. Class sizes have evened out. Combo classes and Support teachers are helping with some of the larger class rooms. Kindergarten has an additional classroom. We were able to retain Ms. Astrene by moving her from first grade to kindergarten. The CCP class is over the allowed amount, but the district has until the 7th of October to rectify that situation.

The festival of Schools at the Zoo is on October 9th. We need volunteers to help man the booth. It is important that we put our best foot forward to promote our school.

SCPC needs a representative from Brichta. There are 4 meetings a year, which allows for parent involvement at the district level. Ginny and Jane volunteered and will share the duties.

Teachers Report: Karen May

This school year has had a great start. There has been good communication among teachers, and this has help our overall success.

Site Council Report: Principal Cruz and Cindy L.

We need to select two site council members from the PTO. Jennifer S. and Maryann E. have volunteered. Liz D. moved to nominate Jennifer S. and Maryann E. Deirdre G. seconded the motion. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

During the last meeting, the site council discussed class sizes and the teacher situation, and how to prevent the same situation in the future. They also set meeting times.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Carrasco

We currently have \$8,706.54 in the bank. With our current budget, without any fundraising, we will have \$835.00 in the bank.

The \$2,000 preschool loan has not been spent, and the check will be returned to the PTO. The preschool may not happen at this point as we are looking for a new teacher.

Jennifer S. requests \$50.00 for a box top contest. Jim moves to authorize the \$50 for the reward for the class that turns in the most box tops by mid October. Liz D. seconds the motion. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

Student Council Report: MaryAnn Estrada

Mary Freitas and Katie Edelman are the teachers who will be working with student council. Over ninety kids were in attendance at the first meeting. Maryann E. will also be helping.

50th Anniversary: Danielle Filivaa

The 50th Anniversary theme is then and now. Danielle has asked for some participation from each class, it could be just a little bit or a more involved project. Some teacher's feel that it would be too soon to put together something by November, and would like us to wait until the spring, perhaps combining the 50th anniversary with the Brichta Blast. Per Principal Cruz' invitation, Jane and Danielle will be meeting with the teachers on the last Wednesday of September to discuss possible dates for this event.

New Business:

The Autumnal Equinox Celebration will be on Tuesday, September 21. Liz D. has organized it. There will be three telescopes on the basketball court, glow stick bracelets, popcorn and lemonade.

Maryann E. would like to have a Bianchi's fundraiser on Thursday, September 30th. Student Council will help with the fundraiser to make sure they earn their percentage. The 20% the Student Council gets will be used towards a Sno kone machine. We also need to decide what to use the prize patrol funds for. Liz D. moves to hold Bianchi's night on the 30th. Jennifer S. seconds the motion. Motion voted on and unanimously approved. Deirdre G. moves to use the prize patrol funds for PE equipment. Veronica S. seconded the motion. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

We need to make a decision about a babysitter for the PTO meetings. It would be a lot easier if one was present, but we can not afford to pay for it out of PTO funds, and it is too complicated to use other School funds for this purpose. A possible solution is having a volunteer for the position. Jane S.'s granddaughter may be interested. It would be especially helpful if we had a larger room to hold the meetings in. Jim C. moves to meet in the cafeteria with a babysitter. Liz D. seconds the motion. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

Next meeting: October 19, 2010, 6:30pm
Adjourned.