

# Minutes: 9/14/09

(Minutes approved at 10/19/09 meeting)

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Katrina presented the minutes from the 08/10/09. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Pam gave the treasurer's report. She explained that the budget is not set in stone. Budget categories are flexible and we can move things around. We are basically working off \$10k from last year so any new funds we raise are extra. Motion passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Melissa explained the Teacher Grants and that we have \$1250 budgeted for this; however we have \$2350 in another category that can be allocated towards teacher grants if they are all passed. We were presented with over \$4K in requests. We can also move \$400 from the equipment category if needed because we can make up those funds at the Fall Festival. Melissa also explained that the equipment category is planned to be used for the back area to landscape and put in sports equipment. Melissa reviewed each of the teacher grant requests and gave the teachers who were present a couple minutes to give more detail on their requests if they wanted. All requests were approved with the exception of Ms. Ehlis. Because of the dollar amount of this request and the number of questions, the request will be tabled until the next meeting. Some of the questions were why are PC's or laptops not being used? Are there headphones that can be used instead of purchasing others? Can we get an educational discount? Melissa also stated that a private donor was willing to purchase the 4 iPod shuffles and 4 sets of headphones, leaving PTO to purchase 4 iPod Nano's and 5 sets of headphones ~\$700 instead of \$1080.

Motion was made to approve the move of \$1700 from the other category to the teacher grant category of the budget. Motion approved.

There was also a request to move \$300 allocated for Costume Dance Party (which is not being held this year) to the Fall Festival Fund. Motion was approved. Katrina motioned, Ms Peters second, all in favor. Motion passes.

There was another request to move \$500 from the Dinner/Talent Show/Auction budget to the Fall Festival Fund. Motion approved. Ms Guanell motions, Melissa second, all in favor. Motion passes.

We expect to make a profit on the fall festival which is split with the teachers. The percentage of the split is yet to be finalized. The reallocation of the funds is so we have a cushion for items we may need for the Fall Festival. Plans are to use the grill however it may need a repair so these funds would help with that if necessary. It was suggested to check with a parent if repairs are needed to help with expense.

Ms Guanell spoke on behalf of student council. They are requesting \$150 to help with the cost of the Ice Breaker Event on Friday, September 18. The Ice Breaker event will be a team building activity event with a few snacks. Jamba juice will be on sale for \$2. Motion approved to fund \$150 to Student Council.

PTO received a request from the Science Dept to help with Science Fair expenses and events. Ms Klingman explained the “wish” list and what items are critical to the success of the science fair. Suggestions were made to see if we can get some of the items donated. Discovery Channel had offered to help the school so it was suggested that Mr. Crispin talk to them about a possible grant. Pam and Katrina will talk to scientists and engineers at ASU to see if they can find people that will be judges. The request is tabled at this time to allow the board to discuss.

Open Forum: Teachers said thank you. Parents asked about auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

### Teacher Grants

Who for:	Motion	Second	All in favor	Abstain	Pass
Akey	Guanell			1	yes
Alexander	Peters	Natasha Williams	Y		yes
Spencer	Guanell	Klingman	Y		yes
Ehlis	Peters	Klingman	N		no
Guanell/Peters	King	Cheryl Boland	Y		yes
Merlene	Klingman	Martinez	Y		yes
Procopio	Boland	Mulhearn	Y		yes
Randolph	Guanell	Klingaman	Y		yes
Ristedt	Martinez	Christine Deets	Y		yes
Vance	Alexander	Klingman	Y		yes
King	Boland	Guanell	Y		yes