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Attendance: Nora Corral, Pauline Guerena, Richard, Corral, Angelica Salcido, Jacqueline Carrillo, Ernie Sabori, Amber, Sandra Contreras, Carina, Alyza Flores, Vickey Smith

#### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by PTSO President, Nora Corral 5:35 PM.

#### General Meeting Agenda:

##### Treasury Report

8,750.26 in account

All checks from fall festival have not been cashed yet – Nora will investigate which are still pending  
PTSO owes 374.54 to Mrs. Fields

2 pending payments:

Honors Society Pins invoice came in at 200 dollars right at the mark with the amount granted.  
Kessler reimbursement for \$30 for student incentives for her intervention students.

##### Fundraisers

We have a fundraiser coming up on Friday, so no snack bar on Friday. Flyers will go out this week with additional information for parents that funds are to support PBIS (mustang mercado and class incentives).

##### Principal's Report

Courtyard is the most amazing upgrade that elevated the mood of all since we have returned from winter break. Durazo Construction worked over the break. They will be adding rocks to the remaining areas around the buildings to minimize mud and make it more useable. They re-did drainage and is looking to add rocks in small areas to between buildings.

Damon Vallestero is going to Phoenix 1/8 to pitch for new parking lot. The school has the potential to have 48 parking spaces and a pedestrian bridge over the Santa Cruz River potentially with solar covers. To include a staff parking lot that will allow families to park and have better access at dismissal.

Regarding academics, we are focusing on student work and increasing ability for students to produce work at grade level (auto evaluation). Kennedy is looking to determine students that have really increased their growth on their diagnostics. Overall, there has been and continues to be a big push for making students aware of their own data.

Curriculum night is coming up Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 2-5.

##### Dave N Busters

Dine-in event Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Selling cards during or after curriculum night.

Set up a meeting with Arlene to discuss specifics for dates of selling cards and event specifics.

##### Curriculum night on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 2-5 PM

PTSO is seeking to bring in local community startup businesses to sell on that night and meet with those vendors about giving a donation to PTSO to the school so it would not be done as an official fundraiser but more as a donation from their sales of that event.

Open to community members.

Set up by 1:30 pm for those vendors and they can speak to Nora in order to clarify participation.

##### Family night event to collaborate with student council

Seeking a date for a bingo night or movie night.

### **Family Elementary Dance Friday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Alice in Wonderland Theme**

Student council is planning with Little Mexico Catering.

PTSO will sell soda and chips.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will setup.

Sandra will get in contact with Nora about details

Student council – Carina offered to support with a painted banner.

Student council also needs support with ticket sales for Hero Dance/Winter Formal

Sandra Contreras motions for PTSO to support with decorations not to exceed \$200 dollars

Angelica Salcido Seconds

All approve, motion passes.

Dr. Valencia has DJ'd for the last dance in winter. When he DJs he is taking approximately 2hrs of his time per dance and brings his equipment. In the past PTSO has donated 200 dollars per dance for his time, expertise, and equipment use. He is also currently training a student and interested in getting students to do the job in the future. PTSO recognizes his participation and is willing to donate in efforts to support the relationship that builds our school community and benefits all students.

Jacqueline Carillo motions for PTSO to donate for 2 upcoming dances (Winter Formal, Elementary Hero Dance) and 1 retroact for a December Middle School Dance Dr. Valencia has DJ'd in the past. In the amount of 200 dollars per dance for a total of 3 dances so far this year.

Alyza Flores seconds

All approve, Motion passes

Any future dances beyond the 2 upcoming that were approved (Winter Formal, Elementary Hero Dance) will be brought forth at future meetings.

### **Bingo Night Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Nora motions for PTSO to pay for prizes (toys, gift cards, Lunch with staff members)

Signup for event due to space availability (350 in dining hall)

Depending on success, we could hold more events or plan more in the future.

Nora makes a motion in the not-to-exceed amount of 2,000 dollars for prizes and materials for Family Bingo Night March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sandra Contreras seconds the motion.

All approve, Motion passes.

### **Spring Ideas or thoughts for events**

Egg Hunt – optional, providing eggs and prizes like they did last year. Teachers have the opportunity to host their own egg hunts as they see fit with their own class.

Please announce during PD to vote next month so that PTSO can be prepared and make an appropriate request for volume of materials needed to supply teachers who are interested in February.

PTSO will need volunteers to fill the eggs. Mr. Ernie can support his students. Student council can support as well.

### **AZELLA Snacks and Incentives discussion**

This benefits students and the school because it removes a label and opens up their opportunities in the future.

Mr. Rodman will be reaching out to parents of AZELLA students for snacks for the testing that occurs at the end of February and checking in with PTSO in February if there are any needs for snacks.

See amount of Dippin' Dots for Jan. and March to determine how to pay for AZELLA incentives given to students in May.

### **PTSO Requests**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Ms. Valdez is unable to attend to present her request, but she did submit for 150 dollars to purchase materials for 30 homework binders to include laminated math and reading graphic organizers, markers, erasers, and dry erase sleeves.

Questions: Do we have enough in the budget to grant all teachers 150 dollars?

Has she exhausted resources at our school site to support this endeavor?

While PTSO fully respects and understands her needs, the communication of resources for the students such as classroom materials and ability for teachers to access those funds and materials (student council, school office requests).

Please return in February to present if needs are not met to present the request.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 PM**