

West Campus PTA Minutes

2nd PTA Meeting for the school year

When: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 5pm

Where: West Campus Media Center

People Present: Autumn Hayes-Diges, Treasurer; Denise LaPlante, Secretary; Christine Taylor, Parent; Catherine Mlodzik, TLC; Carolyn Graham, Elementary AP; Jarrod Torrez, Principal; Attending via Phone: Maria Baez-Diaz, President

- Introductions and Attendance
 - During the transition of principals, continue to communicate all the positives on campus. The focus and goals are not changing. If PTA has pictures from any events, share with schools. Communication via Instagram, Facebook and Dojo will be increasing to highlight all the good things happening.
- Treasurer's Report
 - The insurance has been paid for the year.
 - 10 yearbooks are ordered for 8th graders in need as approved last meeting.
 - The current available balance is approximately \$4600
- Fundraisers
 - A new flyer and image without Amazon Prime will need to be made as that program was discontinued.
 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser will run again October 6 to November 6. Email with details was sent to principals to include in email communication and on social media. Christine asked about a QR code to share at her business, and Autumn will look into that and connect.
- PTA Operation
 - Teacher Grants - One \$250 grant was requested from Carolyn for Positive Behavior System awards for the elementary. It would fund food to celebrate kids for behavior and grades each quarter. Unanimous approval.
 - Teacher Appreciation - PTA dropped off desserts for Friday and Monday staff workdays. Denise and Autumn will also make sure there is something for staff during conferences on October 26.
- Membership
 - To encourage more participation, ideas to gather families at drop off or pick up with snacks were discussed. No specific plans made yet.
 - The next meeting, Tuesday, November 14th will be a mixer/ meet and greet with principals. We will have snacks at different tables to encourage interaction. There will be some information about PTA but not a full business meeting. The event will not have PTA in the name to include families who are intimidated by that acronym and the connotations.
 - For future meetings, pizza can be provided from Title 1 funds if we have RSVPs and plan ahead.
 - A punch card with different school activities will be made - Conferences, PTA Meetings, Sports Events, etc. Once a family has filled their punch card, they will get a gift card for a free pizza (or pie). Carolyn will work to have those at conferences. PTA will research affordable options for gift cards and potentially fund from grant money.
- Trunk or Treat 10/31
 - With the cancellation of the fall festival, the school will advertise the Trunk or Treat at Academy Christian Church to families on 10/31 as another option. The church has offered 1-2 spots to the school. We would provide vehicles and people, they have the candy and games ready for us. Ms. Graham will reach out to teachers to find who can man our spaces.
 - Middle school student council is also planning a fall dance in November to have a school activity. Concessions will be funded by athletics and manned by clubs this year for these events and athletics.
- Other notes

- Parent emails on the middle school side have been wrong newsletter and missed conference sign up. That will be fixed this week.
- There was one situation where a parent could not get a hold of someone to talk about a bullying situation without multiple calls to the office. The staff will make sure that is not repeated.
- PTA will discuss how to share with community if there are needs to support other families in the future.