



## **Blue Creek Elementary PTO January 2024 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Art Room

**Meeting called to order by** President Nellie Escorcía at 5:04 pm

**Attendance:** Nellie Escorcía, Shaliz Arias, David Schonefeld, Carl Cruthis, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Annette Mobley, Deanna Ford, Theresa Woollard, Courtney Zabik, Michael Hall. There were 7 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. There were 2 guests in attendance.

**Minutes:** the minutes from 11/28/2023 were read and accepted.

### **Officers' Reports**

President: given by Nellie Escorcía

- This month we are focusing on recruiting to help fill the roles of Vice President, Communications Chair, Courtyard Committee Chair, and Audit Committee Chair. In addition to the Audit Committee Chair, we will need two more volunteers to help with the annual audit in the spring.

Treasurer: given by David Schonefeld II

- Funds available: \$3,480.46
- We sent out a \$20 refund check for Kids Morning Out to one family and purchased \$44.92 in supplies for the art department donation in December.
- Our deposit total since our last general meeting was \$1,505.11

### **Committee Reports**

Communication Chair: given by Nellie Escorcía

- We have reached 180 followers on Facebook. The goal is to convert those followers into volunteers. We aim to post 2-3 times a week to keep our posts in the newsfeed. The teacher wishlist post helped our reach and they are currently pinned to the top of the Facebook page. We will focus on recruiting posts this month in hopes of filling the vacant positions.

- The bulletin board has been changed for January and we will continue to change it every month.
- The yard signs have been made and are currently placed for car line drivers to see.

Event Chair: given by Nellie Escorcia for Roybn Trinkle

- For our December staff appreciation, we had a gift card hunt. All have been found but 6 snowflakes (6 restaurant gift cards for \$10 each).
- For our January staff appreciation, we set out a table with Buff City Soap gift bags and Blessed Body Day Spa certificates. This was very well received.
- Olive Garden will donate salads and breadsticks on April 10th for staff appreciation.
- Robyn has reached out to several local businesses for donations. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Courtyard Committee: given by Nellie Escorcia

- We are committed to helping with the courtyard renovation. Inventory and measurements were taken on Friday, 1/12. Our goal is to have the new garden boxes set up by our next meeting. Although dirt was donated in the fall, we do not have enough dirt for all the boxes. We will see about getting more dirt donated or at a discount. Nellie purchased a school garden lesson packet. It is available for teachers to use.

Principal: given by Carl Cruttis

- Alturismo Movie Night is this Friday. Notice of this event was posted on Facebook. Reveur is hoping to host a game night next month. Staff will now help establish House student leaders in grades 3-5. The goal is to help the kids build leadership skills. The grading period ends on Friday. The awards ceremony and growth parade for the semester are scheduled for February 2nd.

## **Old Business**

Kids Morning Out: given by David Schonefeld

- KMO was a success we had 44 kids registered, 29 attended, 2 of the children registered did not give a complete payment, and we refunded 4. We raised \$391. Parents were happy with the event and would like to see more events like this in the future.

Green Clean Auto Spa: given by David Schonefeld

- This fundraiser ran from October to December. We made a total of \$683 from Green Clean Auto Spa and \$64 cash, for a total of \$747. This will be donated to the library for books. Mrs. Hawthorne will give David access to her order so that he can pay it directly. We plan on doing this again in March. The board will determine what the next GCAS fundraiser will go toward at our next board meeting.

T-shirts: given by David Schonefeld

- The last delivery was on December 11th. We currently have 4 adult t-shirts and one youth t-shirt on hand. The next order will be on January 26. We expect to receive them by February 9th.

### **New Business**

Literacy Night: Mrs. Hawthorne recommended a literacy night in partnership with the public library for Read Across America on Friday, March 1st. Mr. Cruthis suggested we could have a “masked reader” activity at this event. We will consider this idea further for our next meeting.

**Next meeting is 02/20/2024 at 5 p.m. in the Art Room**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.**

**Minutes compiled by Shaliz Arias, Secretary**