



Blue Creek Elementary PTO November 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Meeting called to order by President Nellie Escorcia at 5:02 p.m.

Attendance: Nellie Escorcia, Shaliz Arias, David Schonefeld, Robyn Trinkle, Ashley Vinston, Carl Cruthis, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Mary Solock, Shawn Babner, Deanna Ford, Annette Mobley, Alfiah Alnadhari, Soroya Felix, Theresa Woollard. There were 11 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. There were 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes from October 17, 2023, were read and accepted.

Officers' Reports

President: given by Nellie Escorcia

- We filled two positions; Ashley Vinston is the new Hospitality Chair and Robyn Trinkle is the new Events Chair. We have new vacancies; Communication Chair and Vice President. We will also seek to fill Fundraiser Chair and Audit Committee Chair positions.
- All Board members are fingerprinted.
- We reviewed our mission statement.

Treasurer: given by David Schonefeld II

- Our account balance is \$2,040.27
- We have no deposits or withdraws
- We made \$170 from Hat Day
- A \$25 Gift card for Walmart was donated by Mr. Babner, \$40 worth of dirt was donated for the courtyard, and we received the Buddy Walk donation check from DSNOCC for \$27.

Committee Reports

Courtyard Committee: given by David

- The dirt that was donated was delivered and garlic has been planted. The materials for the rest of the boxes are in the shed. David will take over the courtyard project until the Courtyard committee chair is appointed.

- The estimated date to get the boxes built is Sunday, December 10th, details will be sent to the Committee's GroupMe.
- Mr. Babner donated tomato cages.

Kids Morning Out: given by Nellie Escorcia

- Kids Morning Out will be December 9th from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. Forms were sent out to families and registration is due by December 1st.
- We sent flyers out asking teachers to help volunteer. Mr. Cruthis arranged for three Marines from the 2nd Radio Battalion to volunteer.
- Crafts, games, and food will be provided.
- We will use the multipurpose room for the event to watch a movie and the art room will be available if there is a messy craft.

Principal: given by Carl Cruthis

- The school improvement plan has been approved by the board. We are a targeted school for county support. The primary concern is core instruction. We will provide our teachers with instructional support for classrooms and build in additional support from outside resources. We will focus on classroom management, core instruction, and standards.
- The Houses are all sorted. The school has House events planned for family engagement. We hope that there will be an increase in attendance, performance, and overall involvement with this program.

Old Business

Fundraising: We raised \$186 from the raffle sales at the Fall Festival. We have made \$689 from the Green Clean Auto Spa so far with 51 car washes sold in total and 47 of those sold on our Fundraiser Saturday. We would like to do this fundraiser in the spring. The last t-shirt order was placed and will be ready for delivery before winter break. We have profited \$106 in t-shirt sales. We have made a total of \$478 from three Hat Days. We will have Hat Day every half day of the school year.

Staff Appreciation: The PTO provided Halloween treats for staff on October 31st. All treats were donated. The Walmart on Yopp Road donated \$50 to go toward the mini pies provided for staff on November 15th. Snowflakes will be hidden around the school on December 4th for the December gift card hunt. Mi Cabana donated a \$20 gift card and Coastal Massage and Wellness donated a 45-minute massage toward the hunt. Deanna Ford's family will donate Daryl's for staff on December 8th. We have not heard back from Target about funding for Flu Kits. Buff City Soap will donate gift bags of products for staff. We will use these for January's staff appreciation instead.

Community Building: Our first Onslow Pines Park community building on October 18th was very successful. Our second meet-up on November 15th was not as successful, likely due to the weather. We will continue to meet at Onslow Pines Park on half days if weather permits. We will also clarify the playground in future announcements.

Student Enrichment: The Candy Collection Contest ended on October 20th and we collected 292 pounds of candy. The winning class was Mr. Babner. Ms. Guzman's and Ms. Waters' class came in second. All three classes received an ice pop party on October 31st. The ice pops were left over from Broncos in the Park in August.

New Business

Art Department Donation: The Art Department requested donations for an upcoming project. We posted the wishlist for this project on Facebook and Class Dojo. The Art Department is still short a set of trays and sponges. Ms. Hawthorne motioned to buy \$50 worth of materials, this motion was seconded by Robyn Trinkle and passed unopposed. The funds will come out of the budget for Student Enrichment and the materials will be the property of the BCE Art Department.

Railing: David has 75% of all materials to replace the railing over by the 5th-grade building. The school will provide the rest of the materials.

Fence: In partnership with PTO, Port City Fences has agreed to build a fence at the front of the school to secure the property. Mr. Cruthis received guidelines and approval from OCS to move forward with installing the fence. David will coordinate with Port City Fences to begin the installation.

Stop Signs: David will be donating stop signs for the car line dismissal.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 01/16/2024 at 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Shaliz Arias, Secretary