

# The Kyrene Traditional Academy-Sureno

## P.T.O General Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2013

Meeting called to order: 3:25pm

Meeting Adjourned: 4:44pm

### Opening:

- PTO meeting agenda passed out and sign-in sheet circulated.
- Board Members and attendee introductions.
- Welcome intro to the first PTO meeting of the 2013/2014 school year given by Dr. Lescher.
- Vote to Go Green by providing a copy of meeting agendas the night prior on the PTO website to save paper. Attendees agree to Go Green for future meetings.

### Principal's Report:

Updates include: Panther Pals program full, new programs implemented (STEM, Gifted including Math, Language Arts, and High Ability). Dr. Lescher states that the PALS program needs more parent volunteers, contact is Sasha. AIMS preparation is achieving a 90% passing rate, all grades on are an incline throughout their cohort except for in Math Scores. Fall festival commercials are being played in classrooms rather than the intercom.

### Nominations:

- Vanessa introduces new PTO website address: [KTAPTO.ORG](http://KTAPTO.ORG)
- The board is in need of three positions: Webmaster, Yearbook/Historian, and Fundraising Coordinator.
  - Marci Wade volunteers to work in conjunction with Ms. Bertocchi to take event photos and will bring her own digital camera. Tiffany states that Diane has purchased 10 new cameras in which parents can also use for events if necessary.
  - Marci also volunteers to take webmaster position.
  - Sandy volunteers to take charge of the fundraising for restaurant events and gift card promotions and proposes one restaurant event a month.
  - Board agrees to update website with restaurant events at least one month prior.
  - Tiffany Brock volunteers to take the position of Fundraising Coordinator and will work with Sandy.
  - Committee co-chairs needed for Book Fair.

### **Event/Fundraiser Updates:**

- Chick-Fila Night, September 17<sup>th</sup> all day event. Vanessa states that Chick-Fila will no longer supply prizes, table for raffle wheel, or performance by the cow. Attendees agree to use our own table and sell \$1.00 raffle tickets outside the front door. Vanessa volunteers to provide prizes. Brittany proposes that we use excess funds from raffles to create a larger prize for increased interest at next Chick-fila night and offers to head the raffle. Erica volunteers her husband (with notice) to wear the cow costume the morning of Chick-Fila day and possibly during the evening. Teacher volunteers are still needed to serve from 4-7pm.
- Fall Festival, October 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm. Dr. Lescher states that bounce castle, slide, ring toss, Carters Farm are officially on the agenda. Works in progress include: DJ performance, Face Painting and McGruff. Dr. Lescher states that this year will include cotton candy, shaved ice, kettle corn (made onsite), hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Grill for hot dogs is still being worked out. Student council will be selling glitter tattoos and glow sticks. The Pumpkin Walk and Trick-or-Treating will occur during the event as it has at previous Fall Festivals. A request for candy donations from parents needs to be added to Panther Press during October.
- Fall Fundraiser, due August 30<sup>th</sup>. Vanessa proposes that goal of funds to supplement purchase of new seating/benches. This year's catalog's introduced at Curriculum Night and we will calculate if there is an increase in funds raised compared to the prior year.
- Jamba Juice, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Marci proposes that the rule for bus riding students to purchase Jamba Juice be reinforced.

### **Treasury Report: (2013-2014)**

- Heather Lahr present budget revenue and expenses proposal. All attendees agree to the budget with the following stipulations:
  - Neon dance has not been included in the budget, per Heather.
  - Dr. Lescher proposed a budget addition of \$150.00 for the PALS program, reimbursable upon receipt.
  - Vanessa proposes a budget increase for the Teacher Fund dependent upon fundraising revenue.

### **Attendee Recommendations:**

- Dr. Lescher proposes hard copy and email for volunteers and chair member interest. The hard copy to specific students will ensure that we have the correct email addresses and reinforces contact and follow up.
- Vanessa proposes that we add a sign up section to the PTO website for volunteers. Dr. Lescher recommends that the PTO use SignUp Genie for the website.
- Erica proposes that we add Kiss the Pig promotion for in-class donations during October for Fall Festival. The class with the largest donation will have their teacher kiss the pig during the event.
- Propose to alternate PTO meet times from 3:20 and 6:00pm. Everyone agrees to check attendance at evening meetings and revisit the proposal.

**Amendments to Bylaws:**

- Two board members and one treasurer must be present for each bank run.
- Three board members must be present to count and verify cash amounts at events.
- Everyone agrees on both bylaw changes, bylaw and meeting minutes will be added to the PTO website.
- All other approvals to be determined at next PTO meeting as this is our first for the 2013/2014 school year.

Minutes Submitted by:

Kirstan Brown

PTO Secretary