

PTO MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 24, 2018
RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL

Call to Order.....12:34

- Call to order by PTO President Jennifer Thrailkill-Leonard

PTO Officers.....12:35

- We informed those in attendance of the current open board positions.

- Before meeting we had at least 3 people express interest in the various open positions.
 - Amber Cribb for any position
 - Amber Lowry for Secretary
 - James McMurry for any position
- Amber Lowry is currently the only one who meets the 2 consecutive meeting rule.
 - We were planning on bypassing that rule at this meeting if need be to elect the new board.

- Those that are interested in a position are encouraged to speak to Jennifer or Linda after the meeting, via e-mail or through the Facebook page.
- We will have an official nomination and vote at the next meeting to elect new officers.
- This gives others a chance to contact and consider running for a position.

Future Meetings.....12:38

- Over the summer it was suggested we hold meetings at a consecutive day and time each month.
- Options considered –
 - Wednesdays after school (3:15 pm – 4:00 pm) between end of day and end of clubs
 - Flex Fridays after school (12:45 pm)

PTO VOTE: 12:42

- After getting feedback from those in attendance, Jennifer motioned to have the meetings on the first Flex Friday of the month.
- Linda seconded the motion.
- Motion passed almost unanimously from those in attendance, there was 1 nay from a parent.

- Many parents liked how this meeting was paired with the Smoothie Competition event being held after immediately after.

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- We will consider adding special family friendly events to the end of future meetings.
- The September 7th meeting will be exempt since that is the day of Heroes' Day.

- Parents also requested that child care be provided for these meetings since they will be immediately after school.
- As soon as the playground has been repaired and reinstalled, there will be childcare provided.

Box Tops for Education.....12:45

- Jennifer announced there will be changes to the Box Tops for Education Program this year.
- The winning class as in the past will be rewarded with an ice cream sandwich party.
- The student in each classroom who brings in the most each month will also be recognized and given a reward (to be determined).

- Our goal last year was \$1,250, we raised \$834. 60.
- This year's goal is \$750.
- Since Ridgecrest Charter started participating in the Box Tops for Education program we've earned \$11,024.

- We have already earned \$24.80 over the summer due to use of the app and store promotions that gave out eCodes entered online.

- One parent wanted to know how the money we've earned through Box Tops has specifically been spent in the past.
- We explained the money has always gone into the General Fund and while the money hasn't been earmarked for specific items, it has gone to help pay for new electronics, field trips, school supplies, etc.
- A small portion each year also does go to pay for the winning class prizes and postage for shipping the packages twice a year.
 - Estimated shipping cost per year - \$27.30
 - Flat rate, medium size box with tracking and insurance
 - One package sent for the November 1 deadline
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 - Estimated prizes cost per year - \$150

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- At least 2 boxes of Ice Cream Sandwiches approximately \$6.99 per class each month
- Sometimes they are on sale and are cheaper
- We stock up during the Buy One Get One sales and place in the PTO freezer.
- Estimated Save Over Summer/Individual Prizes cost per year - \$50
 - Brag Tags are a big hit and cost \$35 - \$50 per 100 depending on source,
- Estimated supplies cost per year- \$50
 - Baggies
 - Packing tape
 - Replacement classroom containers
 - Scissors
- When a new treasurer is installed, we will add a Box Tops for Education line item, so we can keep better track.

PTO Fundraisers for the Year.....12:48

- Brief discussion on the school wide fundraisers for the year.
- Fundraisers were decided over the summer based on parent and staff feedback.
- Majority wanted something other than Believe that has been done in years past.
 - Quality and variety of items offered has decreased
 - Pricing has gone up
 - Customer support has declined
- Fall Fundraiser this year is through Yankee Candle.
 - Begins Monday, September 4
 - Orders are due no later than 3pm on Friday, September 14
 - Orders should arrive on campus the week before Thanksgiving.
- The catalog also has cookie dough, magazine subscriptions and wrapping paper which parents still wanted to buy or sell.
- Winter Fundraiser this year is Little Caesar Pizza Kits.
 - Begins Monday, January 7
 - Orders are due no later than 3pm on Friday, January, 18
 - Orders should arrive on campus the week before Super Bowl Sunday
- In the past schools have been very successful with this fundraiser by tying it in with the Super Bowl.
 - An estimated \$198 million dollars is spent each year for pizza on Super Bowl Sunday
 - On average, consumers spend up to 3 hours waiting for delivery of pizza

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- Spring Fundraiser will be the Spring Carnival
 - Flex Friday, May 17 from 4 pm – 7 pm

Heroes' Day.....12:50

- The day we invite the fire departments, police, EMT's and other local first responders to spend the day showing the students what they do.
- We serve them a catered lunch and they eat lunch with students who can ask more questions and have one on one time.

- Flex Friday, September 7 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

- Confirmed -
 - Kern County Sherriff
 - Ridgecrest Police Department
 - Kern County Fire Department (Both Stations)
- Not Yet Confirmed
 - Liberty Ambulance
 - U.S. Forest Department Firefighters
 - China Lake Bomb Squad

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- Sign up sheets for volunteers and food donations are going home in Monday packets August 27.
 - Donations this year are being broken down my grades to hopefully even out donations.
 - Last year we had a lot of fruit/veggie platters and side salads, but very little desserts.
 - K – 2nd Grade: Fruit platter, veggie platter and side salads
 - 3rd – 5th Grade: Chips, dip, bottled water, lemonade mix
 - Middle School: Cookies, cupcakes, etc.

Grandparents' Day.....12:55

- A day where grandparents can come and enjoy lunch with their grandchildren.
- Flex Friday, September 21st starting with Kindergarten lunch.

- We will sell packed lunches for the adults.
- Pre-order lunches for \$3.
- Buy day of lunches for \$5.
 - Lunches will contain either hot dog or hamburger
 - Bag of Chips

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◦ Bottled Water

- Will try to arrange with the cafeteria for them to serve hamburgers or hot dogs that day so students can have a similar meal as the grandparents.
- It was suggested that we have adults available to “adopt for a day” children who have grandparents aren’t local.
- Also allow aunts, uncles and other non-parent relatives attend instead of a grandparent.
- On the sign-up sheet for the Pre-order lunches we will have the option if they would like to adopt a student and who.
- Sign-up sheets will go out on Monday, September 10th.

Open Discussion.....1:00

- Jennifer announced that the PTO Board in the main office will have copies of Meeting Minutes and Agendas will be available on Mondays following the meetings.
- Also, all minutes and agendas as well as all info being sent home in Monday envelopes will be posted on the PTO Facebook page.

Adjournment.....1:05

- Next meeting is Friday, September 7th at 12:45pm.

Attendance

There were several others in attendance that did not sign the sign in sheet. Those that we recognized have been added to the list.

- Jennifer Thrailkill-Leonard.....PTO President
- Linda Thompson.....PTO Teacher/Staff Liaison

- Angie Drefs..... Business Manager
- Karen Greenhaw.....RSP Administrator
- Miriam Hogg.....Assistant Director
- Steve Martinez.....Executive Director

- Kim Attencio.....Reading Specialist
- Jordan Covert.....Teacher (Music)
- Claudia Goins.....Staff
- Jessica Griffin..... Teacher (MS)

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- Vernon Griffin.....Teacher (MS)
- Ryan Kaufman.....Teacher (MS)
- Sue Mattina.....Teacher (MS)
- Lilian Ramirez.....Para
- Aaron Rosoff.....Teacher (3A)
- Rachel Rosoff.....Teacher (K3)

- Erica Beeler.....Parent (K1, K2)
- Jacqui Bird.....Parent (2B, 4B)
- Sarah Bradford.....Parent (2B, 4B, 7th)
- Amber Cribb.....Parent (7th)
- Patty Darouze.....Grandparent (5A)
- Brittney Darouze.....Parent (5A)
- Olimpia Diaz.....Parent (5B)
- Jessica Fine.....Parent (4A)
- Tom Leonard.....Parent (4A)
- Amber Lowry.....Parent (2B, 4B)
- Wendy Meyer.....Parent (K2)
- James McMurry.....Parent (8th)
- Loriaane Rosa.....Parent (K1, 3B)
- Melody Sweany.....Parent
- Nathan Slade.....Parent (K3)
- Gladys Tandoh.....Parent (1st, 3rd)
- Shams Ulhaq.....Parent (7th, 8th)

- Tera Moorehead.....Community Member (RRH Nutritionist)

Approved On: _____

Approval Signature: _____