



**Kyrene De La Sierra
General Board Minutes
17 August 2016**

Meeting called to order: 4:33p.m.

Introductions:

Shannon began with introductions and we were worked away around the room. Only a handful of moms outside of the Board were in attendance.

Financials: Alison Pinkston

Copies of the banking summary were in circulation for everyone to review. Alison thoroughly went over all expenses, prospected net income, and budget for the upcoming year while also recapping last year's financials and our current expenses thus far.

Report:

Beginning Cash Balance - \$46,390.31

Budgeted Amount 2016/2017 - \$45,235.00

Prospected Balance - \$35,804.33

BUDGET APPROVED

Alison continued to explain the current finances as of August 9th where the total expenses so far totaled \$9,430.67 – current finances were approved

Principal's Report: Mrs. Lisa Connor

Prop 123 was discussed and it was concluded that \$6.6 million was involved in the settlement for Kyrene School District, which includes Elementary and Middle School.

Staff Compensation Increase:

Certified - \$1,550,000

ESP - \$500,000

Admin - \$150,000

There was a school budget restoration. The restoration included that of electives, primarily in the middle schools. The restoration of electives allowed for electives everyday. \$2 million was designated for instruction resources that could replace the obsolete materials currently being utilized. \$1 million went to certified salaries and supplies.

AZ Merit testing and results were unveiled. Kyrene and Sierra outperformed State in 3,4, and 5. In Sierra specifically our results showed a slight % drop in 3, but a 14% increase in 4 and a 15% increase in 5.

The results showed that Sierra was highly proficient, especially in Math. Our 4th grade did exceptionally well in Math compared to all other Kyrene schools and the State as a whole.

The test was created and developed to be more difficult last year, but Sierra stood the challenge. Sierra's overall testing resulted in being #2 behind Monte Vista, but only by 1%. This is believed to be because Monte Vista has a higher percentage of gifted students.

New material is being implemented this year, materials are decided by the District. The new ELA material is not the primary resource, therefore, it is not mandated, but most of Sierra's teachers have decided to utilize the supplemental in order to provided the advantage to our students. In regards to testing and a learning curve with the new material there may potentially be a dip in test results this year.

Upcoming Events:

Student Directory: Monica discussed that everything is online and she is having a good response from families that want to be published in the directory this year.

Peter Piper Pizza Night: Thursday, August 18th will be our first Restaurant Night at Peter Piper Pizza between 5-8p.m.

Watch DOGS Pizza Night: Friday, August 26th in the MPR Fathers/Father Figures will convene with Students to enjoy pizza (provided by ZZeeks) and coordinate the schedule for the year.

BINGO Night: Friday, September 9th in the MPR families can come play BINGO. There are many daubers left over from last year and Niccoli will have raffle baskets prepared again.

APEX: This year our incentive has increased, as the more we make, the more we keep.

Fall Festival: Student Council will be assisting in leadership roles, but will not be responsible for any exchange of money. We are asking that the Bakery items be collected the day before. The first payment of bounce houses has already been made. Mitch is working with companies to supply the food, hopefully we can utilize Zzeeks, as they will do all the work, supply the employees and deliver all pizza, while giving a percentage (20%) in return.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:37p.m.

Submitted By:

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