

Kyrene de la Sierra
P.T.O. General Meeting Minutes
Morning and Evening Meeting
September 17, 2012

Morning Meeting called to order: 9:01am
Evening Meeting called to order: 6:05pm

Morning Meeting Adjourned: 10:05am
Evening Meeting Adjourned: 6:50pm

Morning Attendees: Rhonda Jones, Monica Gellman, Gail Kronick, Margo Lipari, Terri Keaton, Melissa Lien, Brittany Strubbe, Chris Zaenglein, Tausha Sailors, John Werner, Aaryn Bronson, Elena Wolfer, Gina Jones, Kim Schaffer, Shannon Reagon, Niccoli Anderson, Kelly Brown, Dawn Henry, Marianne Luken, Helen Baker, Nicole Evans, Christie Ellis, Kim Tussing, Pam Bridge and Harmony Hess

Evening Attendees: Rhonda Jones, Monica Gellman, Gail Kronick, Margo Lipari, Terri Keaton, Melissa Lien, Brittany Strubbe, Karen Werner, John Werner, Mr. Maloney, Jessica Leitgen, Sharron Sauls, Virginia Vicks, Pam Bridge, and Tricia Mante.

Minutes approved by: No prior minutes to approve. This is the first meeting of the 2012/13 school year.

Treasury Report: (2012 – 2013 Proposed PTO Budget)

Beginning Cash Balance	\$36,635.33
Total Proposed Income	\$30,400.00
Total Proposed Expenses	\$47,065.00
Ending Proposed Cash Balance	\$19,970.33

2012-2013 Proposed PTO Budget approved by: Rhonda called for a vote to approve the 2012-2013 Proposed PTO Budget. Budget approved by all attendees.

2012 -2013 Proposed Budget Highlights:

- **Fall fundraiser** - Stretch goal is \$20,000. Budgeted goal is \$15,000. This is the second year conducting a donation fundraiser.
- **Book fair** – This is the second year there is no planned profit from the book fair. Sierra PTO will give all proceeds to the library to purchase books and other needed supplies. The library no longer has a budget due to budget cuts.
- **Gifts to school** – Budget is \$8,000. \$2,000 is a carry over from last year. \$6,000 is based on a minimum intake of \$15,000 from the fall fundraiser.
- **Spirit Wear** – No profit is budgeted for spirit wear. Switched program to a pre-order process and plan to break even.
- **Meet the Teacher** – Budget increased from \$300 to \$900.
- **PTO Discretionary** - \$4,000 will broken out for a special assembly. (\$1,000 for Student Assembly and \$3,000 for PTO discretionary.)
- **Administration fund/classroom materials** – This is a main focus for the PTO. Money is given directly to the teachers to help them purchase necessary items for their classrooms. (\$25-\$100 is given to each teacher/staff based on whether they work full or part time.)

- **Classroom discretionary** – \$75 is given to each teacher at the beginning of the school year for classroom incidentals.
- Goal is for the PTO to always keep a cash balance of \$15,000 or more.

Principals Report: Report given by Mr. Maloney

- **Bullying Speaker**, Mark Trombino
 - Assembly for 3rd-5th graders on Oct. 1st, at 1:00pm. Parents are welcome.
 - There will be a few more bullying presentations this school year.
- **History Wall**
 - Sierra PTO is in the process of building a history wall.
 - An approximate 3' x 3' box for each year Sierra has been open will be created and placed on the walls surrounding the library.
 - The boxes will be filled with memorabilia from that respective year (spirit wear, photos, etc).
 - Plexiglas will be placed over the box to protect it.
- **Recognition Tree**
 - A tree with six branches to support the Six Pillars of Character will be painted on the wall in the hallway on the east side of the library.
 - When a child is observed doing something well they will receive a leaf with their name on it.
 - Every Friday the children that have received a leaf will meet Mr. Maloney at the tree and select a spot to place their leaf on the tree.
 - The goal is to place at least 600 leaves on tree by the end of the year.
- **Investigations Math**
 - Kyrene School District purchased the Investigations Math books for the teachers. These books cannot be copied or written in.
 - In order to continue to meet core standards requirements, Sierra has decided to purchase an Investigations Math book for each student.
 - The PTO has been asked to pay for the books for all 3rd grade classes and one 4th grade class, for a total of \$3,900.
 - The PTO has agreed to pay \$2,000 of the \$3,900 and will consider paying the remaining balance when the Fall Fundraiser reaches its goal of \$15,000.

Proposals/Other Business:

- Bullying Assembly Speaker - Rhonda called for a vote to approve PTO funds to be used to pay \$800 for this speaker. Vote approved by all attendees. Funds will be taken from the "Student Assembly" budget.
- Common Core Math Curriculum Workbooks – Rhonda called for a vote to approve PTO funds to be used to pay \$2,000 for these workbooks. Vote approved by all attendees. Funds will be taken from the "Gifts To School" budget.

Committee/Activity Updates:

- **Fall Fundraiser**
 - September 1st - 30th.
 - As of today \$5,600 has been collected.

- **Kyrene Resource Center Food Drive** - Peanut Butter and Jelly food drive runs through Friday, September 21st. Bridget Owens, Sierra parent is chairing this activity.
- **Facebook/Twitter**
 - Sierra's FB page created in April 2011
 - Sierra has 189 likes on FB. Sierra currently leads the district with number of 'likes'.
 - Two main goals:
 - Provide support and a service to the community
 - Communication tool for PTO
 - People can post on Sierra's FB wall
- **PTO Technology**
 - Sierra Sizzle is now called the eSizzle.
 - The first eSizzle has been posted on the PTO web site.
 - The eSizzle will be delivered monthly through email.
- **Arizona Kids Vote** – update given by Pam Bridge
 - www.kidsvoting.az.org for more information and more activities about voting and citizenship.
 - This year Pam will focus on two activities.
 - Oct. 22nd at 1:00pm-2:00pm, four or five Ahwatukee residents currently running for political office have been invited to come in and speak at an assembly about the importance of voting, running for political office, and citizenship. Pam is working to have all major parties represented. **Pam is looking for 2 volunteers to assist with this program.**
 - On Election Day children will be given the opportunity to vote.
 - Each student will receive a registration card to become a registered voter.
 - Each student will go to a classroom that is set up with voting booths and place a vote for the president.
 - Each student will receive an 'I voted' sticker.
 - At the end of the day Sierra will tally its votes and send them to a national location to be tallied with other schools.
 - **Need 2 volunteers to assist with this program.**
- **Turkey Trot and Family Dance** – PTO is currently looking for someone to chair each committee.
- **Yearbook**
 - Hard bound copy will continue to be offered this year, just like last year.
 - Deadline to order a copy is January 31, 2013.

"Respectfully Submitted"

Margo Lipari, September 19, 2012

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Monica Gellman, September 19, 2012

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