

## **MINUTES OF KYRENE DE LA SIERRA GENERAL MEETING**

### **Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

#### **Call to order:**

A Kyrene de la Sierra PTO Board meeting was held in PTO room at Kyrene de la Sierra in Phoenix, AZ on October 19, 2010. The meeting convened at 8:35 am: President Cheryl Smith; Co-Vice Presidents Patti Tollefson & Liz Dudley; Treasurer, Rhonda Jones; Secretary, Jill Ostendorp; Principal, Tracey Pastor; Guest Speaker; Mitzi Epstein from Custom Language Training and Voices for Arizona and Parents , Lara Safa, Teresa Lederer, Deb Fleming, Gina Jones, Nicole Evans, and Lori Hatcher.

#### **Approval of minutes:**

With date change to 6/1/10 under Beginning Cash Balance under Budget Section, Teresa Lederer moved to approve minutes and Lara Safa seconded this.

#### **Guest Speaker: Mitzi Epstein- Custom Language Training and Voices for Arizona**

- Provided Writing Tips for kids. Currently holding Enrichment programs through Kyrene for grades 3-5.
- Voices for Education- Advocacy group for Education in Arizona. If interested in learning more, contact Mitzi Epstein at [MEpstein@voicesforeducation.org](mailto:MEpstein@voicesforeducation.org) or 602-241-1911.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Rhonda Jones**

- Beginning Cash Balance as of June 1, 2010: \$34,183.75
- Total Income \$30,752.50 Total Expenses \$18,623.83
- Ending Cash Balance of as October 19, 2010: \$46,312.42
- Board approved Owl Pellet purchase for Kindergarten class out of Kindergarten Discretionary and PTO Discretionary

#### **Principal's Report: Tracey Pastor**

- Enrollment is holding steady
- Still Looking for Lunchroom Help (50/50 inside/outside) 2 hours per day
- Getting an estimate Refrigerator Repair for teacher's lounge
- Crosswalk usage is going well. Have the most crossing guards at (5) out of all Kyrene schools.
- Site Council- Looking for one community member to join
- Staff Development- Reviewed Goals. Held Cross Grade level articulation so that kids come prepared for the next grade level. 5<sup>th</sup> speaks to 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.
- Tucson Conference Recap- RTI- Response to Intervention. State requirement to implement this model. Every grade must spend dedicated instructional focus time on Reading/Math in classroom. Kyrene District is working on Master Schedule and keeping standardized minutes of instruction among classrooms.

- Question was raised about how/when new teachers are allocated. Ms. Pastor explained that numbers are monitored under/over the average size per class. District is not able to appropriate another teacher until these numbers are solidified. Funding works one year in arrears.
- Security System is being updated and cameras will be installed outside and all staff will have electronic badges for access.
- Question was raised for security purposes if the door leading from office to hallway could remain closed during school hours. Being looked at by Administration and Facilities.

### **Proposals/New Business**

- PTO Website- [www.sierrapto.org](http://www.sierrapto.org) is up and running. Any content should be routed through Liz Dudley.
- Sierra PTO Manager- some people had issues with information not saving. Will send out an addendum to the Buzz Book first of January. Great tool to recruit volunteers.

### **Committee Reports**

- Family Fun Night – was a great success. Made \$3K, kids enjoyed, food was great; however, we did have a couple of complaints regarding lines too long and asking teachers to solicit volunteers. A recap of the event was completed and includes recommendations for next yr.
- Fall Fundraiser netted \$14,000
- AZ Science Center- all classrooms have volunteers. Lara Safa contacting Ahwatukee Foothills News for possible coverage.
- Running Club – starting 10/20. 111 kids signed up this year.
- Restaurant Night- Thursday, 10/21 at Sweet Tomatoes. – send out reminder on list serve 10/20
- Pumpkin Walk- Costume Parade, Eating Contest, Selling Kettle Corn, Hot Chocolate and Water
- Spirit Team- Jamie Batista is chairing this. One Activity and one meeting per month. Assisting with Playground games during the last Friday Recess each month. Lara Safa and Lori Hatcher moved to approve creation of the Spirit Team. Will begin at the end of Oct. Need to follow-up with site council with new dates.
- Workroom Training is taking place on a monthly basis. Check Sizzle for dates/times.
- Family Dance- ideas were for a Decades dance, 80's dance or Glow party/Neon.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration- Holding a planning meeting on campus- open to everyone.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Jill Ostendorp, Secretary  
Kyrene de la Sierra PTO