



Santa Ynez Valley Charter School

PTSO Meeting Minutes



Santa Ynez Valley Charter School (805) 686-7360

Date:
September 7, 2017

Location:
Multi purpose room

Meeting Called to
Order By:
Jessica Yacoub

Time:
8:15 am

Attendance:
16 people

Meeting Adjourned:
9:15 am

Minutes Prepared by:
Sonya Fry PTSO
Secretary

Next Meeting:
September 21, 2017

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Dr. Mark Update
 - School funds cannot be used to pay for parent fees on field trips which includes PTSO funds.
 - All Room Parent names have been gathered except 6th grade.
3. Jessica Yacoub made a motion to approve the PTSO minutes from the 8/31/2017 meeting. Kelly Bowman seconded the motion.
4. Jessica Yacoub made a motion to approve purchasing a \$100 gift for Mercedes for her birthday (9/24) on behalf of PTSO. Bret Werner seconded the motion.
5. Requests for PTSO Funds
 - Denicia Gills on behalf of the teachers:
 - Request from Eugenia Pappas for \$150 for science materials for grades K-4 as we did last year. (carry over request from last meeting)
 - Request for \$150/class (K-4) for Mother's Day Tea expenses. Discussed voting on a flat amount or amount per student (ex. \$7/student).
 - Request for funding of \$105 per month to cover substitute teacher expense so a representative for the teachers can be present at PTSO meetings. PTSO suggests teachers rotate monthly.
 - Request for approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000 to cover a TBD wish list for equipment, etc. for music program. Music department should get back to PTSO with more details.
 - Request for approximately \$7,500 for furniture, equipment and supplies for improvements to the 2 empty classrooms (Room 304 and former preschool room). Ideas include Mr. Mark library of the future, a place for students to have down time/relaxation, and a room filled with opportunities to engage in hands on experiences with the arts, crafts, science, etc. PTSO requests more details.
 - Request to continue PTSO tradition of giving \$5,000 per year toward middle school field trips.
 - Request to continue PTSO tradition of funding Beach Day or other end of the year all school event (Need to confirm amount was \$2,000 last year.)
 - Request for up to 50% of the \$6,000 cost (max. \$3,000) to buy a pack of 28 Internation Health Technologies Heart Rate Monitor and Pedometer wrist bands. Denicia Gills could use with all students K-8th grade and would pursue grants first to try to cover funding. In addition, there would be a \$300 license fee per year.
 - Request for water fountain/water bottle filler for other side of upper playground. PTSO needs cost information.
 - Request to build a small roof of shade over the backpacks where needed to provide shade for student lunches. Bret Werner offered to build a small wood structure described and estimated cost to be \$500.
 - Request to fund school assemblies.
 - Request to enhance Garden experience for students. Ideas included outdoor kitchen, amphitheater, production of food to sell at farmers market, etc. Enhancements would need to be spearheaded by a parent volunteer.
 - Request for uniforms for student athletes and volunteer coaches where needed. Denicia Gills to follow up with PTSO with details including costs.
 - Requests were tabled pending more detailed information where needed and a review with PTSO treasurer. Discussion and voting will resume at the 10/5/17 PTSO meeting.
6. Fundraisers and Events:
 - Reminder to attend and encourage others to attend Welcome Back to School Night 9/12/17.
 - Axxess Books: School will receive \$13 per Axxess book sold during this fundraiser.
 - Jog-a-Thon: Date changed to 10/20/17. PTSO will host a dedicated meeting on 9/21/17 to discuss Jog-a-Thon.
 - eScrip: Request to push eScrip at a higher level along with Amazon Smile and to engage students and parents with incentives.
 - Carnival: The group discussed the possibility of having a carnival in the Spring. Denicia Gills will discuss with teachers to gauge their interest and excitement. Tabled for further discussion at next meeting.
 - Golf and Tennis Tournaments: In the past, they have been labor intensive but low profit generating fundraisers (under \$2,500), so we would rather pursue other turn-key fundraisers instead.
 - Holiday Boutique: Tracy Angel mentioned that she could assist running a Holiday Boutique fundraiser where craft vendors would buy booth space to sell on-site at school prior to the holidays. (November timing)
7. Sprit Wear: Wear can be purchased online and the school will receive between \$4-\$6 per item depending on total purchase amount.