

# Minutes of the Cottonwood PTO Meeting

## September 5, 2017

Thank you notes were passed from the staff thanking us for the lounge, grants and treats at the beginning of the year.

### I. Call to Order

Number present: 23, staff: 3 (Plank, Gallagher, Martinez)

### II. Welcome & Introductions - Tijen

### III. Officer & Committee Reports

#### A) Principal's Report - Mrs. Rooks

Passed out Year at a Glance Calendar

Good back to school

Mrs. Rook's sends out a newsletter on opposite weeks of PTO. Look for it.

PTO sponsored on Sonic Night Sept. 12th

Trojans in Training kick off on Sept. 8th at Rise and Shine. Trojans in Training is a program sponsored by the Andover High Booster Club that encourages the elementary school age kids to start thinking like a Trojan. On Sept. 14th, the students who attend will get to cheer the football team on the field and sit in a reserved section for the football game. Rooks there at 6:15, reduced entry fee.

Cheer Clinic is coming. Look for fliers on that information on PeachJar.

Make sure to sign up for PeachJar!

Also look for PTO and teacher Facebook sites!

Current enrollment: 393 Count Day: Sept. 21st

Please share your new ideas!!

#### B) Treasurer's Report ~ Sarah

Proposed budget distributed

Make sure to register your Dillons Plus Card to help us earn money as you shop! No cost to you!!

Added Expenses: Dessert for birthdays, Christmas Celebration, Healthy Bodies on Valentine's Day (Body Venture)

Started last fall with \$11,000+, Ended \$14,000+

Gave out \$10,000 in grants to teachers! Ending is after grants given!

Gift cards given to Defenbaugh, Hesterman, Gallagher and a 4th teacher for volunteer forms

Budget approved

#### C) Spirit wear

Order deadline is Sept. 15th

Printed forms went home, can order online, see website or Facebook

#### D) All Star Sports Night – Sarah

Huge Success!

220 wristbands sold

#### E) Volunteer Coordinator – Mercedes

Had so many volunteers could call all the responses

63 forms turned in, YAY!

Megan will help call to see what the new volunteers would like to help with

Coordinators needed for events

#### F) Fundraising - Tijen

The non-a-thon and fall frolic are swapping places

Non-A-Thon: We don't sell anything, just raise money. 10/6 - 10/24 is when the Non-A-Thon will occur. Kids earn rewards as a school and top raisers get a reward

Spring Event is not a huge fundraiser but for families to interact

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### B) Budget / Approval

Done during Treasurer's report

### V. New Business

## A) Upcoming Events

### 1) GAD Parade (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) ~ Janice

Plan to keep things simple(or not)

GAD Theme: 50 and fabulous

Megan Kice has a lot of 50's stuff from dance a few years ago

Spend more money on candy - Through Oriental or in bulk

Interested please contact Janice

### 2) Parent/Teacher Conf Meals

Oct. 19th

Provide breakfast, lunch and dinner

Mrs. Brain - provide Jimmy John's for one of the meals

Mercedes will find someone to coordinate breakfast and dinner

### 3) Non-A-Thon

See above

### 4) Restaurant Spirit Nights

Sonic - Tuesday, Sept. 12th 5 pm - 8 pm

Chipotle - checking into this

Slims Chickens - checking into this

### 5) Box Tops/Label Submission

Collecting on: Nov. 17th and Apr. 20th

Please trim and do sets of 50

Collect over 200, student gets pizza party and movie with Mrs. Rooks

25 - 30 usually attend

My Coke Rewards: New system: bottle cap, 12 pack, and 24 pack

Tyson Chicken: Has rewards, turn those in also!! A+ labels. Look on the back, red bags!

### 6) 1st Qtr AR Party

Mercedes will talk with people about coordinating

#### 7) Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Night

Father/Daughter - Should we do a dance? Fun picture booths are a hit, have a DJ that gets dads and kids to interact. Maybe bring in someone with Dance Dance Revolution

Decision to have a dance, date will be decided by committee

#### 8) Discussion of Penguin Club (program that allows kids to buy Christmas presents for parents during the school day during a set aside week in December)

Some discussion afterward regarding upcoming events and out of pocket expenses. In November there will be a food drive for the Andover food bank and gift card drive to send the gift cards to a school in Houston so that parents can get Christmas presents for their family. This may be a better use of asking for money for students to purchase.

#### B) Approval of Fund Requests

\$105 to buy a karaoke machine to help with amplification, music during Rise and Shine, or other events.

Field Trip money request: \$8 per child approved

#### VI. Adjournment