
Grayhawk PTO

10/5/2016

Attendees

Susan Matura, Kristin Klecka, Katrina Bradley, Debbie Peterson, Shannon Christie, Jenn Wood, Kelly Dobson, Holly Martz, Andrea Walther, Susan Matura, Mark Eisenhut, Andy Lutz, Kathy Bays-Cook, Michelle Pavlik.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes and budget from 9/13/16 were approved.

Principal's Report- Michelle Pavlik

- **K-8 Update**
 - There are several teams working on 7th and 8th expansion.
 - Working on construction needs.
 - Portables need to be changed entirely
 - Will need a science lab
 - Will need a culinary room
 - 4 Core Blocks
 - ELA
 - Math
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Staying with Core Knowledge
 - Going in a STEM direction but want to make sure we are listening to the students and community
 - Working on narrowing down electives for the students
 - They will get 2 per semester
 - Mrs. Pavlick went to Explorer and Mountain Trails to find out what electives are the most popular
 - A list of realistic options has been created. Now we are going to survey the kids and community to assess popularity.
 - There will be a coffee talk on November 15th
 - Mrs. Pavlik is hoping to have a commitment from district by then
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- **Dana Evans- All Things E.Q.**
 - Character development program
 - Mrs. Pavlik brought this program to Sonoran Sky and it took off!
 - E.Q. stands for Emotional Quotient
 - Idea is to change the culture and to bring positivity. Very solution oriented.
 - How it works:
 - Every week there is a new lesson/motto
 - Teachers will show the students a short video
 - Different videos for different age groups
 - Every year there are new lessons
 - Kids are given journals that have the lesson written in them for them to write about
 - Principal will give the message on the announcements
 - An email will be sent out to the parents with the weekly motto
 - Idea is for the parents to get the lesson and learn the language to use at home.
 - Topics for each quarter:
 - Quarter 1: Am I being kind and helpful in this moment?
 - Quarter 2: Am I using positive self-talk?
 - Quarter 3: Am I making an honest effort?
 - Quarter 4: Am I focusing on solutions instead of problems?
 - Vote to put \$5,000 aside to start immediately: YES!
 - PTO is VERY enthusiastic about this program after Dana's presentation!
- **Study Island** (\$7000) will now be paid for by the district.
- **IXL:** Computer based program
 - Looking to get the program piloted here
 - Should help with AZMerit testing

President's Report- Susan Matura

- **Conflict of Interest:**
 - Bringing a current situation to the boards attention.
 - Mimi Sadeghi is our Development Chair and her husband and her both want to be community sponsors.
 - All agreed that there is no issue, but something to be aware of.
- **4th Grade Field Trip Request:**
 - The 4th grade would like to go to Kartchner Caverns again
 - They need \$7000 in order to go
 - Last year Mr. Pratt found a way to come up with the money

- They already have their field trip line item but they use most of it for the capital field trip
- One option is for them to have the parents pay for it and then they could use that as a tax credit
- After much discussion, the PTO decided it would be a good opportunity to use the tax credit write off option.
- **Playground Morning Help**
 - We only have one person watching the kids every morning
 - Asking for parents to help!
 - Kindergarten has been asked for the same thing
 - Only need help from 8:20-8:40
- **Snow Cone Machine**
 - We thought we only had a portion of a snow cone machine but we found out it is a fully functional one.
 - Can be used for various events!
- **School Tours**
 - The tours led by the parents have begun and are going very well!
 - Happening in the mornings when the school is “alive”
 - Let Susan or Debbie know if you are interested in leading a tour
- **Tax Return**
 - Our deadline is October 15th
 - Once the approval email arrives we will need to vote very quickly

Treasurer's Report- Andrea Walther

- Last year Andrea accidentally **deleted a line item**- Accelerated Reader (money for medals and trophies)
 - Motion to add it back into budget.
 - Vote: Approved!
- **Study Island**- \$8000
 - PTO no longer needs to pay for this so Andrea has taken that line item off
- **Student Council**
 - We hold their funds
 - Last year we had to an excess of funds so we wrote the school a check. We cannot do that so that line will disappear
- **Book Fair**
 - \$2600 profit
 - We have \$500 worth of credits that are going to expire in October so Susan is sitting down with Mrs. Pavlik to discuss items that might be needed for 7th and 8th grade.

- **Bingo Night**
 - \$500 net

Communications Chair- Brooke Morrison

- Not present

UPC- Danielle Kelling

- Not present so Kristin Klecka read her update
- The United Parents Council met in September
 - A summary of the September meeting is available at <http://www.pvupc.org/images/dynamic/file/2017%20documents/9-21-2016-UPC-SNAPSHOT.pdf?1475183497708>
 - Dr. Lee, the district superintendent, covered topics including declining enrollment, staff/teacher vacancies and the District's position on transgender students
 - September meeting included district updates, candidate forum, and related updates on upcoming events
 - Upcoming events of interest are available on the UPC website. Educational and informational programs held often on issues ranging from political forums of District Candidates, Gifted and Special Ed programming and informal forums with the Governing Board. www.pvupc.org
 - Finally, the November election includes positions on the PVUSD School Board. September's meeting included a candidate forum. Information on the candidates distributed during the meeting. As you know the school board makes all budget and related decisions for the District. Considering Grayhawk's new move to transition to K-8, it is important that candidates reflecting your views are elected, so make sure to educate yourself, family, and friends. Most importantly, don't forget to VOTE!

Committees

- **Walk to School Day- Holly Martz**
 - Turned out great!
 - It helped that there was no spinning wheel this year
 - Holly received an email on Friday stating that the bike patrol couldn't be there but the cars were supposed to come. They did not show up.
- **Spiritwear- Kathy Bays-Cook**
 - Made close to \$1300 on the first order but still need to take out a few things
 - Last order due on October 7th
 - The first SpiritWear contest is October 7th

- **Fall Festival- Kelly Dobson**
 - October 21st from 5-8pm
 - Good responses on Sign--up Genius- there are a lot of people stepping up to help
 - Mrs. Pavlik talking to teachers about an email they will send out to have parents sign up for the teachers.
 - Still don't have an activity for the back field
 - Looking for ideas
 - Wanted to get Gooney Golf but feel like we need 2 more sponsors in order to pay for it.
- **Lynx Laps- Lisa Iacono**
 - November 17th
 - October 31st at 9am there is going to be an all-school pep rally/kick off (help wanted)
 - Sign-ups for Lynx Laps station leaders coming soon. Email Lisa Iacono if you have a preference
 - Asking Dad's Club to please recruit for 7am set-up
- **Dad's Club- Mark Eisenhut**
 - There will be a social at Isabella's Kitchen on October 6th from 6-8
 - Please encourage all dad's to attend
- **Upcoming Dates**
 - Dad's Club Social- 10/6
 - No school- 10/12-10/14
 - Student Council Sock Drive- 10/17-10/27
 - Fall Festival- 10/21
 - Conference Week- 10/24-10/28
 - Early Release- 10/26 and 10/27
 - No School- 10/28
 - Friendly Friday- 11/4
 - All Things EQ Community Night- 11/7
 - PTO Meeting- 11/8

Votes

- \$5000 to be put aside for All Things E.Q. Program- Approved!
- Add back line item for Accelerated Reader- Approved!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at 1pm