

Peruvian Park PTA General Meeting

12 October 2023, 7:00-8:00 pm

Executive Committee

President: Mandy Romney
Treasurer: Amanda Heller
Secretary: Kristina Packer

Education VP: Emily Tippetts
Administrative VP: Divya Nagpal
Teacher VP: Andrea Lindquist

Attendees

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Sarah Shore
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Abby Smith

Jamie Maxwell
Heather Mitchell
Ioana Cecalacean
Vanessa Block
Nicole Poland
Kayla Shoell
Rachel Stoddard
Chelsea Francis

- **Opening Remarks; Approve Budget Minutes; Teacher Grants**
 - September 2023 minutes were approved.
 - We had no new teacher grants come in this month.

- **Clubs Updates**
 - Chess Club (1st/3rd Fridays 7:30-8:10 am)
 - This is very well attended & the kids are liking it.
 - Choir Club (1st/3rd Fridays 1:20-2:15 pm)
 - The first one was last Friday. Kayla Waghorn mixes singing instruction with games. She does breathing exercises teaching them skills of choral groups as well. It was well attended. If we have a 1st & 3rd Friday on the schedule & it's a Friday off school, they won't move the schedule, they will just miss that meeting.
 - There was a vote to amend the choral budget for \$50 more which will increase the total to \$125. Mandy moved to vote for the extra \$50 - Jamie seconded it. All in favor & nobody opposed.
 - Book Blitz
 - It has been proposed to start Friday 10/27 after school. The registration will be online. Mandy is sending out FAQ's now. We have until the 18th to sign up. We sent an interest form out already so the registration form will most likely get people involved. It was successful last year so hopefully this year as well.
 - New Club?? - Speed Cube (Rubik's Cube) Club
 - We would need at least 2 volunteers to do this & Chelsea Francis said she would be the mom that would help put that together with the help of Kayla Schoell. Chelsea will pass along Boston's ideas about this club.

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- The kids would bring their own cube. Mrs. Nagpal said the student requested it & wrote a proposal to her about it. Mandy is going to send out info to get this going on the 2nd & 4th Fridays as what was proposed.
- New Club?? - School Play
 - There was a roadblock with this request in finding rehearsal space. We also aren't allowed to ask for funds to come through the school for this expense, but they would have to go through the district. Mandy suggested a drama club which may work better than an actual play. They didn't want to do that. They suggested maybe doing musical theater with the choir but choir wants it to just be choir without musical theater.
- **Recaps**
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Teacher Conference sales worked better than doing it during lunch so that will be addressed as the Spring one gets closer. We've had the biggest sales we've had since 2017 by quite a bit. About \$4K more than a normal year. We get scholastic dollars in an account & then that provides free books to teachers or to students so it goes right back into the school.
 - Goodies & Grownups
 - This was well attended, but it's always a guess on how much food to get.
 - Membership Drive
 - We didn't hit the double goal but it was a success. We had 106 members last year & we now have 156 so that's a significant jump. We had over 20 prizes for a drawing. And, a lot of parents stopped at the Starburst jar to guess the amount so hopefully they read the info available at that table about PTA.
 - Teacher Conference Dinner
 - The teachers said they liked R&R BBQ. Heather & Amanda tried to accommodate food allergies & likes. But, we have to address the vegan teacher independently to meet her needs next time.
- **Panther Apparel**
 - We are hoping to have it at the school by 11/1 and are wanting to work in another "wear your shirt day."
- **Digital Citizenship Week - October 16-18**
 - Mrs. Hansen is working with Camille Roundy & Nicole Poland to get things worked up for the kids on this. Nicole said they inform the teachers about how it's going to happen. They hand out stickers as they see the kids do things associated with digital awareness & safety. Then, the kids get a pop-it prize at the end once they get all their stickers.
- **PTA Reflections Art Program - Entries Due October 20th and it's all done online.**
 - Looking for volunteers to:
 - Review entries as they are submitted by reading through rules to approve entries moving them forward as they get sent in.

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- Judge entries in specific categories. We are needing 3 in each category. It can be anyone. They don't even have to be in Utah or part of PTA. The sign up went out for judges to sign up. If you have a child that is entering something into Reflections then you shouldn't sign up for that category or not judge their work.

- **Monthly Wellness Word - TEAMWORK**
 - Spirit Day - October 27: wear sports or athletic wear or even comfiest shoes.

- **Teacher Report:** Andrea Lindquist - NA

- **Principal Report:** Divya Nagpal - She has nothing to report. She said we are doing great and said it's been awesome & thanked us for everything!

- **Volunteer opportunities**
 - Reflections: review entries; judge entries
 - Junior Achievement coordinator
 - This person works behind the scenes & contacts the teachers to find volunteers from class parents. Then, the coordinator gets the info to the volunteer. It's usually 1 person.
 - Nominating Committee
 - This is usually 2 members of PTA plus 1 board member to help with the 2024-25 PTA Board positions. We usually vote in December to help find next year's PTA Board positions.

- **Other Business: Open Floor**
 - The Birthday Bags have been paid for and are ready.
 - If the budget already has that line item but hasn't been "assigned" to anything specific it doesn't need to be voted on, we just apply the money to that item. But, if we are adding a new line item or amending one to a new amount that differs from the original budget then it does need a quorum to be voted on.