

Cody Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2015

- (1) Welcome - Mindy Alsheikha, President
Attending: Katie Resig, Mindy Alsheikha, Ashley Dohrn, Jodi Yeggy, Michelle Mahrt, Christy Cox, Robyn Leiby, Lia O'Malley, Jessica Gisi, Laurie Brasche, Milissa Hofmann, Wil Hanson, Teri Adams

- (2) Approval of minutes -
Motion to accept made up Will Second by Jodi Yeggy
All in Favor, None opposed

- (3) Treasurer's Report - Katie Resig, Treasurer

\$15,580 net for Fall Frolic - higher than budgeted
Goal to keep between \$13,000-\$15,000 balance in case of unknown expense
We do have events planned throughout the year that will incur expenses
Are anticipating larger expenses with building remodel and possible needs for playground

Final balance is \$31,800.79 as of Nov. 30, 2015

- (4) Committee Reports -
 - (A) Birthday Book - Jess Gisi – no report

 - (B) Book Fair - Michelle Mahrt – books for Kindergarten round up purchased.
Fall Sale - \$4700 total sales, \$500 above last year.
Gave \$150 to 6th grade after fulfilling other scholastic dollar commitments previously made

I Survived book requests from 4th grade - total 9 books with 4 different titles. Can purchase 2 of the titles through scholastic but not other 2. Likely \$100 total. These will be purchased with Teacher request funds.

Time to renew reading A-Z. 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th will renew using teacher request funds.

Next book fair is in February - will work our way down through grades for money

 - (C) Box Tops - Jess Gisi – beat our Box Top goal achieved - girls had most

 - (D) Cody Apparel - Jen Dumas – no report

 - (E) Cody Calypso - Stacy Porter - Luau theme will be in January

(F) Cody Cares - Jenel Nels - Ms Pavey concerns reported by Mrs Adams, no immediate needs from PTA at this time. Potentially goodwill gesture of movie gift card

(G) Cody Directory - Chris Cournoyer - may become digital only next year

(H) Communications/Website/Publicity - no report

(I) Fall Frolic - Jenel Nels – no report

(J) Fun Events - Kim Radcliff, Christy Cox – Bingo cancelled in November will postpone to February 26, 2016

Discussion: keep it simple and have free ice cream from Dave and Holly's, did discuss option of not offering this year with planning already in place will go ahead again for this year.

(K) Hostess/Hospitality - Mindy Alsheikha – \$370 in donations made at donuts with Dad, went smoothly. Large participation as noted by very few kids on morning bus.

Discussion: offer someone to take photos at fun events as district requesting some for social media posting etc. We will plan to have a photographer for future events, possible 6th grade student. Potentially purchase a PTA camera for use.

(L) Reflections – banquet 1/7 6:30 pm

(M) Robotics – Sunday 12/6 program went well, Cody kids did well with 100% attendance and 4 kids interview by local news. Two - Junior FLL teams starting up today. Still working on Raspberry Pi class for 6-7 weeks in Jan, Feb, March targeted toward 3rd-4th grades. Will discuss funding for this program in January.

(N) Room Parent Coordinator - Keri Walter – Holiday party planning for 12/22

(O) School Kits – no report

(P) Staff Appreciation – Conference Dinners went well.

(Q) Volunteer Coordination – no report

(R) Walk-a-thon - What should we fun with money that is raised at this event?

Discussion: potential request for landscaping funding for small areas including front of school. Possible to use volunteer hours from high-school kids to help maintain landscaped areas. Organize a fall and spring date for clean up. Not necessarily required funding from Walk-a-thon. Add a line-item to budget for annual replacement. Earth day

good day for spring planting/clean up - make a friendship garden. Will readdress in spring for date.

(5) Rocket - budgeted \$5000 have spent \$4500 (\$2000 to purchase the dog, \$2500 for training) so far with required needs of another \$2500 for training with the handler. Reported by Mrs Adams that stress levels are higher for teachers lately and Rocket has facilitated improvement with both teachers and students.

He has an Instagram account but difficult to follow with ages of children at Cody. Pictures may be sent to the PTA to share.

Motion to approve payment of the remaining \$2500 made by Mil Hofmann, seconded by Wil Hanson. Motion approved

Discussion to add line-item budget for ongoing care of Rocket to PTA annual budget as a carryover item proposed by Mindy. He is in need of neuter surgery in near future. Maybe make a Wish-List for Rocket for holidays. Mrs Adams expressed sincere gratitude for help in brining him to the school.

\$1000 proposed at initial fund for Rocket care - with an adjustment made for following years. We will address with during the budgeting process in the Spring for next year.

Motion to approve \$1000 start-up fund for Rocket upkeep made by Mil Hofmann seconded by Michelle Mahrt. All in favor, none opposed

(6) Renew funding for Reading A-Z - money is available to continue this program. Will revisit annual to determine ongoing need. Did offer discount around Black Friday will watch for this next year.

(7) JA Bowl-a-thon 2/27 - PTA will help cover Cody/Teacher team - budgeted \$300 for team funds.

(8) Discussion to fund Bridgeview PreSchool and T2K programs wish lists. Ashley Dohrn will make purchases.

Motion to approve wish list purchases of \$200 made by Mrs. Adams and seconded by Michelle Mahrt. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion to adjourn made by Will and seconded by Michelle Mahrt

Upcoming dates

12/10 Winter Program 1:30

12/22 Holiday Parties 2:30

12/23-1/3 Winter Break

1/7 Reflections recognition