

Cody Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

1. Welcome - Jenel Nels, President

Attending: Jen Collins, David Hochgesang, Adam & Liz Hunter, Tamarah Brooks, Lacey Layton, Wil Hanson, Ashley & Ryan King, Fallyn Berry, Heather Faris, Laurie Brasche, Elizabeth Foad, Tara Mack, Jessica Yuska, Amy Hartz, Shannon Goad, Caroline Everitt, Jenel Nels, Alison Berg and Lia O'Malley

2. Approval of September meeting minutes - Motion was made by Wil Hanson, seconded by Lia O'Malley

3. Character Counts - Mrs. Brasche recognized 25 kids for character counts and books were awarded.

4. Treasurer's Report - Caroline Everitt gave an update of the current years income and expenses. The balance at the beginning of the month was \$12,403.10. The balance at the end of the month is \$26,817.16.

Fall Frolic numbers are not final however preliminary accounts indicate that we made an increase over what was budgeted. The total made so far is approximately \$17,000. Please note that class project money is reflected in the silent auction proceeds. There were some expenses related to games, prizes, food etc. We paid approximately \$500 in sales tax for the raffle and cake walk. Silent auction proceeds were just over \$10,000. Finalized numbers will be presented next month, over all Fall Frolic was a success.

Various other budget items were discussed including: Cody Apparel received a check for early sales. Dollars for Doers are available if there are any John Deere employees that volunteer more than 40 hours.

5. Committee reports

1. Fall Frolic: Jenel Nels thanked everyone for their hard work and support to make Fall Frolic such a success.

2. Book Fair – Jenel relayed information from committee chair Michelle Mahrt. The theme this year is “The Wild West”. Book fair will be open during conferences on 11/7 & 11/9 during the lunch hour from 11:30 - 1:00 and in the evenings from 3-8 as long as there are enough volunteers. A volunteer sign up will be e-mailed.
3. Reflections: Amy Hartz explained that Reflections is a state sponsored PTA art contest. There is an awards ceremony in January. Projects are due Oct 26, flyers went home with the students. Categories include dance choreography, film production, literature, photography and visual arts project. Permission slips have to be signed by the parent. More information is on the Cody website. The theme this year is “Within Reach”. If anyone is interested in taking over this committee the chair will be open at the end of this year.
4. Room Parent Coordinator: Kim Munn - Classroom parties are coming up. The K-3 parade is at 2:15 on Halloween. Parties are being organized by the room parents in conjunction with the teachers. Note that there are plenty of drinks for all the parties in the PTA closet.

6. Old Business: Discussion was had regarding the purchase of Library Furniture and/ or iPads with some of the Fall Frolic money. Mrs. Brasche indicated that she asked the new librarian for furniture recommendations and the decision is being finalized. In consideration are two boomerang seating components that are approximately \$3000 and two durable oversized bean bag chairs that are mobile for \$335. Jenel relayed that \$4000 has already been approved for the furniture budget.

Mrs. Brasche conveyed that Mrs. Bailey has volunteered to head a committee to address iPads needs. Jenel indicated that the PTA has an available budget of approximately \$3000. We welcome a presentation of the finalized request whenever it is ready.

7. New Business

1. Budget Requests:

6th grade T-Shirts: Discussion was had about past procedures and the cost of the 6th grade class t-shirt purchase. Currently the request is to cover the cost of t-shirts for any kids who can't afford the \$10 fee and for the teachers shirts. It was agreed that the \$150 Cody Apparel proceeds will be reallocated to cover the 6th grade shirts this year. In the future it is possible that the \$250 budgeted for the 6th party could be reallocated to the 6th grade shirts.

-Math team shirts: There is a request coming regarding the math team shirts.

-6th grade year book costs: There is already \$200 in the budget, it just hadn't been used in the past few years. It will be redirected.

2. PTA Membership: This was the first year that dues were paid online. The PTA e-mails can only be sent to the official roster of people who have paid dues. If you are unsure whether you have paid please check the roster.

3. Walk-a-thon: A co-chair is needed.

4. Beth is leaving the district so e-news may need to be redirected until a new person is hired. Please send any e-news items to Jenel so she can make sure it gets to the correct person.

Wil Hanson made a motion to adjourn, Alison Berg seconded.

Upcoming dates

10/13 Grandparents Day

10/31 Halloween Class Parties & Parade

11/7 & 11/9 Parent/ Teacher Conferences & Book Fair

11/14 Skating Party

11/17 Bingo Night