



**Ladera Elementary School**  
**PTO General Meeting**  
**September 14, 2011**

**Board Members Present:**

Janice Lee, Pam Dixon, Karen Sisson, Kathy Ghanouni, Pam Edmondson, Judy Clark, Zubia Villacorta, Shannon Bowers, Sheila Adlawan

**Board Members Absent:**

Jim DiLellio

**Principal:**

Derek Pinto

**Superintendent of Tustin Unified School District:**

Dr. Gregory Franklin

**1. Call To Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Janice Lee.
- Dr. Franklin and Mr. Pinto were introduced.
- Janice briefly explained the role of the PTO and where some of the donated money goes towards.
- Janice introduced the Board Members as well as Committee Chairs.

**2. Dr. Franklin- Superintendent**

- Started with Tustin Unified School District in July 2011. He came from Los Alamitos District before coming to Tustin.
- Explained the State budget cuts to Education (from 5% to 3% of the State's overall budget).
- He spoke about the direct correlation between parent involvement and a child success at school. The more visible the parent is, the more successful a child performs.

**3. Mr. Pinto- Principal**

- Background and mission statement/theme for Ladera this school year.
- 212 degrees: "1 degree of extra effort makes all the difference"
- There are a total of 175 days of school so please do your best to avoid vacations or other personal days off.
- His contact information is [dapinto@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:dapinto@tustin.k12.ca.us) and you can expect a return response from him within 24 hours.

**4. Mrs. DiLellio, Mrs. St. Clair, Mrs. Neuer and Mrs. Goldenberg- Teachers**

- Explained the benefits of RTI (Response to Intervention, Instruction) and why this is a necessity in our child's education.
- Half of the funding for these 4 teachers comes directly from the PTO.
- Presented the goals of this program- teaching to strategic, benchmark and enrichment levels of study.

**5. Pam Dixon- Financial Secretary**

- Briefly explained the proposed 2011-2012 budget (see attached budget)
- We have a total of \$127,000 costs per school year and we are hoping to raise \$47,000 thru the Membership Drive and Fall Fundraiser. We will dip into the reserves this year to cover the remaining costs.
- Pam Edmondson made a motion to pass the proposed 2011-2012 budget.
- Judy Clark seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.**