



Ladera Elementary School
PTO General Meeting
October 20, 2010
12:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Nancy Mallory, Pam Edmondson, Zubia Villacorta, Janice Lee, Mary Hajali, Pam Dixon, Carmel Ryan, Karen Sisson,

Board Members Absent: Sheila Haghghinia, Kathy Ghanouni, Becky Yang

Principal: Ryan Bollenbach

See attached sign-in sheet for Committee Chairs, teachers, and parents who were also present.

1. Call to Order

- Nancy Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- Motion to approve September 16, 2010 PTO minutes. 1st—Cathy Waldman, 2nd—Pam Edmondson, minutes approved.

2. Teacher request: Mrs. DiLellio

- Requesting bins to store math manipulative items. 72 bins for a total cost of \$107.95, including delivery. Motion to approve request, 1st—Pam Edmondson, 2nd—Cathy Waldman. Request was unanimously approved.

3. Membership: Carmel Ryan

- PTO membership drive raised \$20,285. 72% of families joined. Breakdown is 289 out of 404 kids, 233 families.
- Directory will be out by the 5th of November.
- A few sponsorships have been received; a sponsorship line item will be added to the budget.

4. Fundraising: Janice Lee

- Fall fundraiser is being held in conjunction with Harvest Family Night, October 29
 - a. So far, there are 10 auction items. Will go on-line week of 10/25 and auction will continue at family night event.
 - b. Teacher experiences are also available as part of Fall fundraiser.
 - c. Berkeley Dog will donate all food. 100% of proceeds will come back to Ladera.
 - d. Costume contest will be held in the MPR.
- Spirit Run will be held on December 3. Grades K-2 will compete separately from 3-5.
 - a. 95% of proceeds will benefit Ladera. Very little expense is involved.
 - b. Every child participates. Each child is asked to raise \$123

- c. Last year, \$17,000 was raised.
- d. Several new ideas this year: Will be the Holiday Spirit Run. Jingle bells will be tied to shoelaces. Will include a Parent/Child Relay that will be timed. Top performers in each group will get a prize. May also include a 50 Yard dash.
- e. Mark Sisson will be creating an e-mail blast with “tell-a-friend” feature to donate and pay via credit card. Hope to increase community involvement.
- 5th grade will be holding a cakewalk at Harvest Family Night to raise money for the 5th grade promotion. Need donations for the cakewalk.
- 5th grade Outdoor Ed. Fundraisers include selling SEE’s Candy and Family Portrait Night.

5. Volunteer Update: Pam Edmondson

- \$375 was spent on supplies for Art Masters. Approval of additional funds will be made at the end of the year.
- Copy Cat Volunteers—specific people assigned to make copies for teachers. So far, there are 5 volunteers working M-F at 8:30. Need an additional 5 people for the afternoon shift, 1:00. Contact Pam Edmondson if interested.
- Display Windows will be updated. Windows will include news corner, monthly newsletter, upcoming school events and Leopard Gazette. Also, one window will show PTO dollars at work. Will show all things that PTO does ie. events/pictures. Contact Pam if any window space is needed or if there are any other ideas.
- Miscellaneous Volunteers sign-up sheet. Group e-mail will be sent for random events. Contact information will be given if able to volunteer.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Pam Dixon

- Aside from memberships, No additional income so far this year.
- Welcoming committee is close to budget
- Classroom supply checks will go out to teachers on Thursday or Friday. \$10 per child.

7. Book Fair: Elaine Schwarz

- Barnes and Noble book fair will be held on December 6. Teachers will read to children. Will coordinate a restaurant night in conjunction with book fair.

8. President’s Report: Nancy Mallory

- PTO Board members need to check boxes on a regular basis
- Deadline for November newsletter is Friday Oct. 22

9. Principal’s Report: Ryan Bollenbach

- RTI-added 2 new staff members and in process of hiring an additional RTI teacher.
- Dino Dash-registration increases \$5 on Friday evening.
- Will be attending Dibbles training in Oakland first week of November.
- Will do a presentation at District Board meeting on Monday, October 25 comparing and contrasting high socioeconomic school and low socioeconomic school.

- Restaurant Night will be held on Thursday October 21 at Café Rio. 20% of sales will be donated to Ladera.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10p.m.

Next PTO Meeting
November 17, 2010
12:00 pm

