

LAS SENDAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION
3120 N Red Mountain, Mesa, AZ 85215
MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING September 25, 2023

Meeting called to order 2:31pm by Lindsey Clayton

Introduction/Roll Call: Lindsey Clayton — President
Summer Wood — Treasurer
Monica Sarault — Secretary
Cortny Tune — Events (not present)
Charlene Becher and Jessica Nilsen — Fundraising
Khloe Jones — Communication

Approval of August 28, 2023 Minutes

Motion made by Rachelle Sears. Second by Candice Debriyn. Motion passed

Principal's Report: Aaron Kaczmarek

- Sustainable garden: outdoor classroom possibility; space for 60 students
 - Effectiveness of sustainability features proved during recent storms - water tank full (2,000 gallons)
- LSE 'teaming' group based on academic data/ how are we meeting both enrichment and remediation needs
- ADE report (high on light amongst 1700 schools)
 - Growth scores: maintain the highs, move up the lows ; great job
- 5th grade/Debriyn's class: student space flight program with ISS
 - Lessons on microgravity/ test tube nutrition
 - Discussions on failure/overcoming difficulties
 - Honeywell (sponsored the \$27k cost of program) space engineers visit great success - provided students with advice / reflective feedback as to how to deal with setbacks / opportunities to grow

Treasurer's Report: Summer Wood

- Operating account balance: \$58,288.20
- Operating account balance after encumbered funds: \$42,441.18

REVIEW OF September:

All spirit wear orders are in and being filled by our suppliers. We anticipate delivering orders to students before fall break - during the week of Oct 2.

Food Truck Frenzy was well attended and we received a lot of positive feedback. We will likely make this an annual event.

- Cup of joey gift card raffle winner: Sarah Taylor

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising Update - Char and Jessica

For our fall fundraiser, we will be launching a sneaker drive after fall break in partnership with gotsneakers.com. We will ask families to donate used sneakers in any condition and will receive funds for each pair donated based on their condition.

- Begin after fall break, end on 11/17 service night event

Grandma's Ice Cream on Wheels will be at the school on Thursday afternoons and will donate 10% back to the PTO each week.

- Kona Ice moved to Tuesdays permanently as to not be double booked with Grandma's Next Dining Night Out will be Kneaders on September 26th (5-8pm)

Next Cup of Joey Treat a Staff Member Day will be Friday, September 29th

Events Update - Cortny (not present)

Our next PTO event will be Service Night on November 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. We are partnering with sister schools, Sunshine Acres, and Canyon Winds for some community giving/service projects. We will start communicating about this event after fall break.

Agenda Items

Stocking Teacher Workroom/ Quarterly Luncheon (Khloe) - We really hope the teachers have been enjoying the snacks/ drinks in the workroom. We have restocked the room twice and want to make it a regular thing. We will be asking for donations from the parents as well as using PTO funds. We want to add a line in the budget for Stocking the Teacher Workroom each quarter. \$300 per quarter for a total of \$1,200 for the year. Motion to encumber \$1,200 to cover costs for food and drinks.

- Motion made by Tonja Lazier. Second by Angela Valencia. Motion passed

We are also planning on having a quarterly teacher luncheon. Dates are TBD but most likely on a Wednesday after early release. We want to add a line in the budget for the Teacher Luncheon each quarter. \$700 per quarter for a total of \$2,800 for the year. Motion to encumber \$2,800 for luncheon.

- Date TBD, possibly 10/25 in the garden
- Motion made by Misty Schreiber. Second by Michelle Zima. Motion passed

Sensory/Nature Walk - we need a PTO chairperson to partner with Ms. Micela and Ms. Smith on this project. PTO will send a request to teachers to find a volunteer. Please forward this request to your class parents.

Garden Maintenance - Melissa Smith and Karolyn Ferrin - we have a garden maintenance plan for this school year totaling \$1,500. Goals include starting a compost system, starting garden beds from seeds, and growing wildflowers. They have developed a plan to include CIOs, StuCo, and classrooms. There is \$ 2,311.96 left in the budget from our construction allocation. Motion

to unencumber \$ 811.96 and set the School Garden/Outdoor Classroom to \$1,500 for the 23-24 school year.

- Motion made by Jennifer McKee. Second by Candice Debriyn. Motion passed

Award Paper - Angela Valencia - Award paper for honor roll and leader of the pack. Motion to encumber \$300 to cover award paper for the school year.

- Motion made by Veronique Galvan. Second by Michelle Zima. Motion passed

Blower battery - school maintenance has requested an extra battery for their blower to extend its usability. Motion to encumber \$180 for a second battery.

- Motion made by Rachelle Sears. Second by Misty Schreiber.

Cooling Hi Vis Vests for Crossing Guards - Krystal asked to consider cooling vests for crossing guards. These are Hi Vis vests with pockets for ice packs to keep wearers cool. They are \$30 each and we would need 6 vests. Motion to encumber \$200 for cooling vests.

- Purchase 2-3 trial vests, but still encumber full amount
- Motion made by Laura Arviso. Second by Candice Debriyn. Motion passed

We received deposits from Drama Club over the summer and need to encumber those funds. Motion to encumber \$906.75 for drama club.

- Motion made by Misty Schreiber. Second by Veronique Galvan. Motion passed

Website renewal was more than expected as I thought our domain name license was a 2-year cycle, but it is annual. Motion to encumber \$ 405.16 to bring the account to zero

- Motion made by Tonja Lazier. Second by Michelle Zima. Motion passed

Food Truck Frenzy went over budget as generator rental was not in our original quote but was needed. We also decided to purchase glow bracelets to sell during the event - that cost was recouped. Motion to encumber \$ 799.80 to bring the account to zero

- Generator rental \$600, bracelets \$199
- Motion made by Candice Debriyn. Second by Laura Arviso. Motion passed

AED - an FDA-approved AED will cost around \$1,500-\$2,000. Designated staff members would need to be trained in its use. Is this something we want to pursue?

- Continue to discuss

New playground equipment including soccer nets and sand toys. Request from Principal K. Motion to encumber \$500 for playground equipment.

- Motion made by James Cuocci. Second by Angela Valencia. Motion passed

Professional development on 10/16 request from Melissa Smith (not present). Motion to encumber \$800 for professional development.

- Motion made by Tonja Lazier. Second by Michelle Zima. Motion passed

Housekeeping:

Unencumber:

\$ 3,272.71 Media Center Updates

\$ 1,914.06 Professional Development Spring 2023

\$ 280.34 Teacher Appreciation Week (22-23)

\$ 10.93 Yearbooks (22-23)

\$ 0.73 Wednesday Envelopes (23-24)

- Motion (for all of the above) made by Rachelle Sears. Second by Misty Schreiber. Motion passed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/26 - Dining Night Out, Kneaders 5-8pm

The next PTO meeting will be on October 23rd at 2:30 pm in the media center.

Meeting adjourned 3:18pm by Lindsey Clayton.