

LAS SENDAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION
3120 N Red Mountain, Mesa, AZ 85215
GENERAL MEETING February 27, 2023 - MINUTES

Meeting called to order 2:33pm

Motion made by Angela Valencia. Second by Michelle Barragan. Motion passed

Introduction/Roll Call: Lindsey Clayton, President
Karolyn Ferrin, Fundraising
Cortny Tune, Communications
Joy Johnson, Events
Summer Wood, Treasurer
Monica Sarault, Secretary

All board members present.

Approval of January 23, 2022 Minutes

Motion made by Melissa Smith. Second by Dawn Silva. Motion passed

Principal's Report: Aaron Kaczmarek

- School garden start date determined soon; 3 pallets of mulch donated!
- Science camp chaperone
- Enjoyed attending PTO event, movie night
- Addressed social media situation surrounding incident on playground; followed district guidelines every step of the way; did not require formal letter sent to community
- In light of negative posts on social media, Lindsey asked: how can we promote positivity?
 - Promote PTO events like movie night, coyote camp out; showing LSE unique culture

Treasurer's Report: Summer Wood

- Operating account balance: \$84,524.07
- Operating account balance after encumbered funds: \$13,459.37

REVIEW OF February:

Movie night was a nice event, we really appreciate the school staff and community support.

- Thank you to Mr Cuocci/staff for sharing gym mats and xplore for setting up projector/speaker

We sold over 1000 cupid cards. Cards were distributed to students on Valentine's Day.

- Positive response to including additional cards in each delivery

February Cup of Joey was canceled as the truck was not available, back on March 24th

The garden budget and installation plans are set. The total cost of garden installation is quoted at \$25,085. We will look to purchase furniture once the garden installation is complete. The grand opening will be our STEM showcase in May

- Melissa Smith update: sustainable practices ie rainwater tank; consulting with professionals to ensure quality construction/design

- Community day: sign up for families to participate on install days

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising Update: Karolyn Ferrin

Dining Night Out (DNO) at Firehouse Subs raised \$50

Zona Cantina raised \$274

Our next DNO is March 7 at Smashburger. All day 11am-9pm

Cup of Joey will be back with coffee on Friday, March 24th. Email amy@downunderfoods.com to order ahead. - update staff drink orders on file

Auction save the dates have gone out! Information packets will be distributed soon - be on the lookout for sign-ups for basket theme, teacher time, etc

All donations \$\$ and donations are tax deductible. Tax deductible forms are in the office.

Motion to approve \$1000 for upfront auction expenses

- Motion made by Laura Arviso. Second by Ali Wienke. Motion passed

Events: Joy Johnson

Our next event is the Coyote Campout March 24-25 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 am on the back playground This is not a drop-off event. Motion to encumber \$250

- Motion made by Ali Wienke. Second by Taylor Houts. Motion passed

CIO Plant project - Roland Clayton - one of the goals of the CIO is for each classroom to have a plant. They've received enough pots and soil donations for the project and now need to purchase plants. Request to encumber \$300 for plants

- Excellent presentation by CIO Roland Clayton
- Motion made by Tonja Lazier. Second by Taylor Houts. Motion passed

Crossing guard safety/visibility - crossing guards have trialed the lighted vests and both the crossing guards and community members noted the enhanced visibility. We'd like to order vests for all crossing guards. Motion to encumber \$310 for 5 more vests

- Motion made by Dawn Silva. Second by Angela Valencia. Motion passed

Yearbook pictures: Please use the link to the google drive below to add images from your class and feel free to forward the link to anyone who may also have photos to add.


Within the drive, there are folders for each grade level. Please add sub-folders as well; any details you provide will help Kelly Rennells, our yearbook volunteer, keep photos organized as she lays out the class, club, and event pages.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sHjL2u1x3ZgplHzFEetKs82LYEP1TeWB?usp=sharing>

PTO nominations - We will begin collecting nominations for next year's board in the coming weeks. Please send these communications to parents

General Housekeeping:

- Year of the Teacher: Once you spend your allowance, please complete a reimbursement request form, attach your physical receipts, and submit requests in the Treasurer's folder (Summer Wood) in the PTO box. You can view your available funds here:

 Year of The Teacher Spending Friday, May 5th deadline

Encumber - Tax Prep - \$75

Starfighter arcade event supplies - \$79.90

Unencumber - Cupid Card Candy - \$143.20

Movie Night \$24.53

- Motion made by Allison Kenley. Second by Melissa Smith. Motion passed

Graduation supplies 6th grade ceremony. Motion to encumber \$500 for graduation supplies.

- Motion made by Michelle Barragan. Second by Aaron Kaczmarek. Motion passed

Bluetooth speakers in classrooms to aid teachers with music/transitions. 10 speakers already supplied by school. Motion to encumber \$500 for additional speakers.

- Motion made by Melissa Smith. Second by Ali Wienke. Motion passed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Smash Burger Dining Night Out: March 7th 11am - 9pm

Coyote Campout: March 24-25 ; last PTO event of the year

The next PTO meeting will be on March 27 at 2:30 pm in the media center.

Motion to adjourn.

- Motion made by Ali Wienke. Second by Tonja Lazier. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned by Lindsey Clayton, 3:15pm