

LAS SENDAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION
3120 N Red Mountain, Mesa, AZ 85215
GENERAL MEETING August 28, 2023

Meeting called to order

Introduction/Roll Call:

Lindsey Clayton — President

Summer Wood — Treasurer

Monica Sarault — Secretary

Cortny Tune — Events

Charlene Becher and Jessica Nilsen — Fundraising

Khloe Jones — Communication

Approval of May 8, 2023 Minutes

Principal's Report:

Aaron Kaczmarek

Treasurer's Report:

Summer Wood

REVIEW OF Summer/August:

The yearbook signing party at the end of the year at Fat Cats was a huge success, we will do it again this year.

There was an issue with class pages in the yearbook and 12 students were left out - all students who were left out of the yearbook were issued a full refund, additionally, we ordered class sets of photo stickers for students to add to their yearbook

The first week of school was busy, but fun. We hope you all enjoyed the welcome back breakfast, we had an excellent turnout for boohoo yahoo breakfast, and spirit wear sales at Meet the Teacher night went smoothly.

In our last PTO meeting in May, we discussed using funds available for technology for laptops for substitute teachers or wired headphone class sets. After discussing with Aaron, he advised both are more appropriate to come from the school budget rather than PTO. Substitute laptops should be available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising Update - Char and Jessica

Our year-end DNO at Fat Cats raised \$657.15 plus \$1,085.82 in spirit wear and other sales items.

Dining Day at Cup of Joey earned \$50

Dining Night Out at MOD Pizza earned \$377.51

Next Dining Night Out will be Kneaders on September 26th. Do we need flyers in Spanish?

We will continue Cup of Joey deliveries this year. Our first delivery was 8/25 and all 45 orders submitted by LSE staff were paid for. We are working on obtaining an updated staff list that includes aides and other roles we may have missed. We will resend the Google form once we have that. In the meantime, if you know of

someone who was missed, please share the form with them. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us deliver!

Next Cup of Joey visit planned for September 15th- this will be the truck just visiting the community, not the Treat the Teacher. Where would be best for them to set up?

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

Golden Spoon for Prelude Strings- requests sent to Golden Spoon for fundraiser on concert nights. Waiting to hear back.

Grandma's Ice Cream on Wheels- We have reached out. Waiting to hear back.

Events Update - Cortny

One of our PTO goals this year is to focus on building community. We will do fewer, more significant events this year.

Our first PTO event is Food Truck Frenzy on Friday, September 22 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will have food trucks and inflatables. This event is free to attend. It is not a drop-off event. Motion to encumber \$2,500 to cover expenses

Agenda Items

The PTO's primary goal this year is to foster community by providing opportunities to create social connections and demonstrate care for one another.

- Development of a nature/sensory walk - We will support the design and installation of a nature/sensory walk to allow students to spend a few minutes of their school day walking, jumping, bouncing, and generally expending their excess energy. This pathway will be available to use when walking to different activities or as a space for students who are struggling to refocus, calm and take control of their bodies and actions.
- Professional Development - We will support continued staff development to meet your needs and offer community development opportunities to support school initiatives.
- Larger PTO events - We will invest more in providing free community events. For example, our first event will be a food truck night in September with inflatables.

Tracy McClure - Tracy is stepping down from PTO board, but will be leading Art Masterpiece.

Las Sendas Alumn Justin McCall installed a paver walkway in front of the school for his Eagle Scout project. Justin had all the materials donated and has requested PTO support the project by reimbursing the cost of labor—request for a motion to reimburse \$750 for installation labor costs.

Reflex Math Request from Melissa Smith. Request for a motion to encumber \$2106.60 for site license

SSEP Project Request from Melissa Smith. Request a motion to encumber \$294.33 to reimburse project materials

Now that the garden and outdoor classroom space have been installed, we recognize the need to update the outdoor classroom space. We will move the flagstone and create a paver area for the classroom, add staircases to the raised beds, and install two large benches. The total cost of this work is \$11,694. We

recently purchased 8 benches for the garden perimeter for \$2356.17. Request a motion to encumber \$2050.17 to complete the garden.

Annie Rogers will take staff pictures again this year. Request a motion to encumber \$150 to purchase a photo backdrop and print photos.

3D printer supplies request from 6th Grade STEM teachers. Request a motion to encumber \$300 to purchase a cord (one went missing in the move), new plates, memory sticks, etc.

Julie Willis submitted a request for additional equipment to support prelude strings. She is requesting a new keyboard with a stand and various violin equipment. The total for this equipment is \$1395. Prelude strings has \$30 remaining from last year. Request to encumber 1365 to cover the cost of equipment.

Our spirit wear pre-order was \$4,095.00, \$595 more than encumbered. To date, we have orders for 90 shirts and 75 drinkware. Request to encumber \$4,000 to cover balance as well anticipated spirit wear costs

This summer we upgraded our PTO Point of Sale System allowing for reduced transaction fees. Request to encumber \$582.66 to cover cost of 2 point of sale systems

PTO Supplies Our cart was donated this summer so we upgraded (the new cart was \$64.97) - the cart is stored in the office mailroom. If you borrow it, please make sure to return it. At the same time, we ordered 500 Clear Plastic Poly Bags (\$48.72) for spirit wear delivery. Request to encumber \$250 to cover the cost of the replacement cart, and clothing bags, and leave a remainder of other miscellaneous PTO supplies for the year.

The welcome back breakfast and boohoo yahoo breakfast went over budget. Request to encumber \$182.03 and \$69.88 to bring the balance to zero.

The certificates from Las Sendas Golf Club for the auction cost the school a total of \$500. We made \$750 on them at the auction. Request to encumber \$500 to bring the balance to zero.

Quickbooks renewal was greater than anticipated. Request to encumber \$59.57 to bring the balance to zero.

Housekeeping:

Unencumber:

\$ 261.20 8th grade graduation

\$ 56.40 Eagle Scout Supplies

\$ 8.18 Parking Signs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/22 - Food Truck Frenzy

9/26 - Dining Night Out, Kneaders

The next PTO meeting will be on September 25th at 2:30 pm in the media center.

Motion to adjourn.