

PTO Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2011

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
  - a. Director/Teachers/Governing Board/PTO Board- Paula discussed the Safe Routes to School project her and Linda are working on. There is curriculum that goes with this program. The school is working with the county and state to get this program going. Walk, Roll and Ride is October 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be an announcement soon about meeting spots.

One of the founding families is working on designing a shade for the playground.

Tim from the Governing Board said the county and Caltrans is working on a turn lane onto Valetti off of Hwy 12. There is also talk about raising the fence on Hwy. 12. It is too short and unsafe.

Darice Dekker asked the staff how the PTO can support the teachers. The teachers would like a couple of representatives to come the the staff meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers need help making copies and cluster 3 needs fundraisers for their overnight field trips.

- b. Treasurer- Nona would like all receipts turned into the office or her. If you are having a fundraiser or want to have refreshments at a meeting, please submit a budget and turn it into the PTO for approval. There is an administration fund to cover costs if approved.

- c. CYC Update- Lee said CYC has 22K in the account and are hoping to have 25K by the Charter Your Course kick off party on September 22. Each class now has a CYC representative parent who will contact all families who have not pledged. There are 78 families who have active pledges. About 5 families have fulfilled their pledge and may put in more. We need 100% of SCS families to participate to receive the Nelson's offer. Charter Blend starts September 21<sup>st</sup> every Wed. and Friday morning. They have 80% of volunteer positions filled. The volunteers will split the earnings to go towards their CYC fulfillment. Charter Services are coming out. Taste of the Himalayas is our first service. They will donate 10% of the check from any Charter family that eats at their establishment. Thank you to Jen Hagen for getting all of the coffee cart supplies donated. Paul Bunting offered to design a new Jaguar and PTO should have letterhead. The new logo can also be used for Charter Wear.

3. Open Forum-Does the CYC money go towards teacher salaries? No, it goes towards other programs that could free up money for salaries. If anyone wants to discuss teacher salaries, they need to go to Paula or the governing board. The Spanish director's coffee talk will try to get more Spanish speaking families involved.
4. Hot Topic discussion: How can we increase parent involvement?
  - a. Brainstorm
    - They meet their 36 hour commitment
    - When asked they step up and help
    - They are in communication with their student's teacher and are aware of class activities
    - They stay informed

- Find a niche that fits and fill it
- Aware of volunteer survey and log and fill it out
- Help make their kids responsible for their homework
- Feel like they are an important part of a bigger community

b. How do we increase parent involvement?

-Sanna is calling families to see if they can volunteer for certain jobs and has been successful. We need to call them. Communicate often. 70% of families filled out volunteer survey last year. Should we have a different strategy for Cluster 2 and 3 families. Need to streamline information through the room parents to get people involved. The Database is a great resource to fit people in the right volunteer positions.

c. This discussion has been tabled, and Kathy would like to have a meeting in a few weeks with the parent involvement committee and other PTO members to discuss this topic further.

#### 5. New Business

a. Movie Night-The first movie night is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Movie is free do to copy right rules. They want to sell food.

b. Broadcasting PTO Meeting-If we put it on the website, the state mandates to have a translation button. Should we have a link on Facebook as well? There was a vote to broadcast the next two meetings on the website to see if people watch it. Majority voted yes to have it broadcast.

6. Committee reports- Jen an Leslie have a fundraising meeting coming up on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Jen's house. Beautification committee needs donations of plants, food an drinks for the next beautification day on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They also need volunteers with shovels and wheel barrels.

7. Wrap up-Next PTO meeting will discuss CYC further.