

**Fountain Hills PTO**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**April 21, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Tara Lamar, Dwight Johnson, Nicole Perkins, Karen Pederson, Kristy Coup, Rosemarie Barker, Omar Vargas, Lauren Vargas, Jan Broetsky, Astacia Vagotis

**ABSENT:** Ken Brande, Jill Reed

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The meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:02 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Office.

Jan Broetsky and Astacia Vagotis are interested in serving on the PTO Board next year. Introductions were made and Jan left the meeting.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a motion to approve the March 17, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **MM Yearbook:** Will arrive May 11<sup>th</sup>. Nicole had nothing but great things to say about the staff at Jostens. They were very accommodating, helpful and prompt with replies. Their application was awesome to use and the yearbook looks great! To date we need to sell 40 additional pre-sales to reach our breakeven point. We will have an additional 60 available to sell above the 40. Nicole will update the yearbook flyer and have the date & location for the popsicle party & yearbook signing on it.
- B. **School Supplies:** Karen worked with 4Peaks and MS teachers to compile the school supply lists for each class. She will re-send the list to Anita for final approval. We should have the cost finalized by the end of the week to begin marketing to parents. The supply kits will be available to all grades this year. We will put a link to buy the kits on our website and send a link to Tony to include in the weekly update.
- C. **SavMore Cards:** We will continue to offer the cards for sale again next year. We will contact Papa Murphy's, All American, El Encanto, Amenzone and last year's participants to see if they would like to participate this year. We have approximately 20 unsold cards. Next year we will return to the previous year's purchase amount.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Future Board:** Karen will be departing next year which leaves a vacancy for middle school VP. Nicole will stay at MM. Omar and Lauren will be at 4Peaks. Rosemarie will be at MS. We have an opportunity to fill the 1 MM VP, 1 MS VP, Media Coordinator & Volunteer Coordinator positions.

- 4. OPEN DISCUSSION:** We have an open event in November for 4Peaks and MS. Discuss with Anita at Site Council if we can use the soccer field for a carnival the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. The Apex Fun Run will be taking place around the same time so maybe we should pick a date later in November.

Where did our funds go this year? Karen suggested that we post a summary of what the PTO funded for the year on our website. It would also be nice to post the summary on our school marquees as well. The marquee at 4Peaks/MS might need a makeover. We will discuss with Anita at the Site Council. If she is in agreement, the PTO would sponsor the cost estimated at \$15k-\$16k through specific fundraising by her school for that goal.

Arts in the Courtyard event – discuss with Anita at Site Council regarding PTO involvement.

4Peaks/MS Site Council – need to get dates from Anita when all the teachers are in attendance together going into the 2015-16 year. The PTO would like to share our guidelines on the types of things we can fund through Teacher certificates & Request for Funds.

- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ken Brande was absent. Tara confirmed that we did fund the teacher certificates and our account with the district is in balance.

**6. VP REPORTS**

A. McDowell Mountain Elementary

i. Request for Funds –

1. Jennifer Harley on behalf of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team - \$1,076.46 for 140 subscriptions to Story Works magazine for the 2015-16 school year. The magazine meets the current State standards in Language Arts/Reading. The cost is \$6.99 per student.
2. Joyce Bucci and Suzette De Board - \$174.52 for 2 new paper cutters. One would be designated for the copy room and the other would be for the art room.
3. Joyce Bucci and Cindy Keith – approximately \$135 for cutting pads and new shims for the die-cut machines which would impact the entire school.
4. Jennifer Harley on behalf of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team - \$2,995 to renew the Re/Flex Math subscription. This program is a huge success and includes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 1<sup>st</sup> grade when appropriate.
5. Danielle Fisher - \$1,600 to purchase 280 t-shirts for field trips for the 2015-16 school year. The t-shirts would be used year after year for both Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> grades.

- ii. Site Council – Discussed Robotics club presenting at School Board meeting Wed the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Retiring teachers & positions being posted in the

near future. Student enrollment only down by 2 from previous month but up by almost 20 compared to beginning of school year.

B. Four Peaks and Middle School

- i. Request for Funds: - None.
- ii. Site Council – The band program was discussed. Somehow we need to get the kids excited about the program again. There could be a state mandate changing the dates the school year begins and ends. If this happens, school would start in September and end the middle of June. Stephanie Beck is in charge of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party. The PTO is donating all of the Mardi Gras decorations from the Gala. She is seeking gift card donations for give-a-ways at the event. We donated the rest of the SavMore cards.

Astacia Vagotis left the meeting.

A motion was made to approve Jennifer Harley's request for Story Works subscription. Passed

A motion was made to approve the request for 2 new paper cutters. Passed

A motion was made to approve the request for the die-cut machines. Passed

A motion was made to approve Jennifer Harley's request for Re-Flex Math. Passed

A motion was made to approve Danielle Fisher's request for t-shirts. Passed

A motion was made to fill the following PTO Board positions - Jan Broetsky for Middle School VP position and Astacia Vagotis for McDowell Mountain VP position. Passed

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 10:53a.m.

The next PTO Board meeting will take place in the Conference Room at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Office at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristy Coup, PTO Board Secretary