

**Fountain Hills PTO  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 19, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Tara Lamar, Lisa Meyers, Melissa Greenlee, Rosemarie Barker, Kathy Bovinette, Dwight Johnson, Nicole Perkins, Karen Pederson, Tanya Alker, Ken Brande

**ABSENT:** Jill Reed

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The meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a request to review and postpone approval the minutes from the October 8, 2013 PTO Board minutes. Approval of minutes will be postponed until the next Board meeting.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Teacher Luncheons:** Vice-Presidents from each school gave feedback on luncheons: Four Peaks: went very well, many leftovers placed in refrigerator for teachers for next day. McDowell Mountain: event was great, very organized and many volunteers. Middle School: Karen Pederson suggested using a teacher checklist to ensure all teachers get to enjoy the luncheon.
- B. **School Bond and Override:** Dwight Johnson thanked PTO Board for help in encouraging voters. Dwight informed us that the bond passed by 280 votes and the override passed by 350 votes so your support was successful. Dwight applauds Tom Lawrence for his efforts in encouraging people to vote through Connect-Ed message to all FHUSD families. Mr. Lawrence is organizing a bond committee to manage the funds. If you have suggestions, please email them to Dwight.
- C. **Halloween in the Hills** was successful and great visibility for the PTO within the community.
- D. **Youth Frontiers:** Dwight Johnson gave a recap of the Youth Frontiers Kindness Retreat at Four Peaks last week and thanked PTO Board members for their attendance. Dwight motioned to approve funds for 4th grade Kindness Retreat for next year, up to \$3500. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Dwight motioned to offer funds for 8th grade Courage Retreat for next year. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
- E. **APEX Fun Run**
  - i. At McDowell Mountain, the teachers loved the level of APEX involvement. Overall it was a great event with lots of enthusiasm and parent attendance. Some concerns to be addressed with APEX:

1. Need clarification and details about the \$1000 essay contest.
  2. Problems with entering online pledges and displaying on student pages.
  3. Online student pages were not updated consistently and some students didn't get prizes on time.
  4. APEX team not as involved in PE classes as last year.
  5. Some teachers do not like awarding prizes in front of class.
  6. Way too many children on track at a time! Some runs had over 125 kids on one track. Suggestion to do runs on two days to allow for less students running at one time.
  7. Injuries: one broken elbow, skinned knees, and one student nearly passed out.
  8. We do not want donors to incur \$2 PayPal transaction expense. Determine if non-profit status will eliminate that fee.
- ii. At Four Peaks, there was a lackluster response from parents and teachers, perhaps due to schedule change and other events occurring that week. Suggestion to make track longer and more fun for older students at Four Peaks. Lisa Meyers suggested that Fun Run not be held at Four Peaks next year. Discussion tabled until after debrief with APEX team and final fundraising results are determined.

F. **Yearbook Update:** Melissa Greenlee informed the group that links to upload photos are ready to e-blast to PTO families. Order forms are ready and will be distributed after the winter break.

G. **Gala Update:**

- i. Rosemarie Barker and Tara Lamar will set a meeting to review event details with Eagle Mountain. Check has been received from our Title Sponsor, The Verne C. Johnson Foundation.
- ii. Dwight Johnson suggested Putting and Diving contest at the event. Rosemarie and Tara will discuss possibility at meeting with Eagle Mountain.
- iii. Tara Lamar led discussion of potential sponsors with the Board members volunteering to seek the following sponsorships:

Tara Lamar:  
 Dori & Jay @ Sonoran  
 John Nichols- Kenpo  
 1st American Title  
 20/20 Eyecare  
 Plaza Fountain Side (with Nicole)  
 Capella Eyecare-

RoseMarie Barker:  
 Barker Realty Team  
 Fidelity Title  
 FH Cinderella Scholarship

Karen Pederson:

TBD

Dwight Johnson:

Tate Elkie  
Sean White  
Sami  
Sunridge Canyon  
Sun Services  
Dr. Hummel  
Dr. Patel  
American Family Insurance

Kathy Bovinette:

Yoder Plumbing  
Dr. Dana Weinrich  
Nick Schultz

Ken Brande:

State Farm Insurance  
Sam the Bug Man

Lisa Meyers:

Nissle  
Loving Dental  
Safekeeping home services

Nicole Perkins:

Señor Taco  
Dental Associates for Kids  
Plaza Fountainside (with Tara)  
Avenue of the Fountains (minus a few)

Melissa Greenlee:

Kelly's  
Discount Tire  
Big O  
Jiffy Lube  
All other automotive related businesses

Tanya Alker:

All aspects golf- Free golf, lessons, and  
golf stuff –  
with the exceptions of Eagle Mountain  
& Sunridge Canyon

Jill Reed:

Barbagallo Electric  
Keepin It Blue

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Grandperson's Day at McDowell Mountain Elementary:** - first serving is at 10:35am so the PTO photo station needs to start set up at 9:00am. Tara Lamar and Nicole Perkins will lead the event and will discuss past learnings with Jill Reed. Tara Lamar will discuss use of stage location with Principal Meehan. Photos are \$5 each. Goal is 100 pictures. Tanya Alker will send out Jooners request for 6 volunteers.
- B. **PTO Website:** Karen Pederson will lead committee to update website. First meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd, at 9am at Mountain View Coffee. Bring your ideas!

- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ken Brande reported that statements would be distributed later today. Funds are on track with last year. Ken reminded Board members to provide details with all deposits.

**5. VP REPORTS**

- A. McDowell Mountain Elementary
  - i. Request for Funds
    - a. Ivy Tolis requests \$463 to fund shortage for first and second grade Scholastic News magazines. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
    - b. Susan Bovinette requests \$150 to pilot Arizona Studies Weekly publication to possibly replace Scholastic News next year. This magazine is \$1 less per student. Board will revisit this at next meeting

to allow Mrs. Bovinette time to research getting free samples or prorated rate.

- c. Mrs. Bovinette requests \$200 to replace 30 worn seat back pockets in some second and third grade classes. Motion was made, seconded, and passed with split decision.
  - ii. Site Council – Feedback regarding PTO-funded Reflex Math has been very positive. Student Council and Peer Leaders are collaborating on an "I Am Arizona!" presentation based on the book. Homework lab is working well with good attendance (up to 50 students on some days).
- B. Four Peaks and Middle School
- i. Request for Funds: Principal Gomez requests funds as follows:
    - a. \$200 for forty \$5 Starbucks gift cards for Four Peaks staff recognition.
    - b. \$200 for forty \$5 Starbucks gift cards for Middle School staff recognition.
    - c. \$250 for fifty \$5 Target gift cards for Four Peaks and Middle School student appreciation.
  - ii. All three requests were motioned, seconded, and passed.
  - iii. Site Council: Karen Pederson attended the meeting and reports that Red Ribbon Day was great. Feedback on Sign-up Genius for conferences was very positive. Karen informed the group about the new clubs at the Middle School: web-based club led by teacher Donna Male and a before school Spanish club. Mrs. Male will soon be presenting the features of the web-design club to the School Board.

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.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, December 17, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Bovinette  
PTO Board, Secretary