

PTO General Minutes

May 20, 2010

Called to order at 5:03 pm

Held in ACS Library

- **Board Attendance:** Misty O’Leary, Deb Van Sicklin, Meredith Jacobs, Allyson Ford, Laura Heese, Bonnie Buckley, Amy Lee, Emily Ragan and Jeannie Reddan (a quorum of 10 members [parent or board] was present). Michelle Barrette and Tina Cook present by proxy (proxies attached).
- **Additional Attendees:** Dean Brown, Dean Peters, Robin Warnke (SAC), Todd Warnke (GB), Janet White, Shaneen Karren, and additional ACS parents (see attached sign in sheet).
- Minutes from the April General Meeting were unanimously approved.
- **President’s Report:** Misty O’ Leary introduced the interim VP of Communications, Janet White. She also introduced the new SAC/PTO co-Representatives, Christa Johanson and Shaneen Karren. Ballots were passed out, checked and recorded.

A unanimous vote was recorded to approve the election of Janet White as the new VP of Communications and to approve the appointments of Christa Johanson and Shaneen Karren as the SAC/PTO co-Representatives. 14 Ballots were collected and all 14 show a unanimous vote for each position.

The By-Laws have been amended to remove any mention of or link to the PTO by the 8th Grade Washington Trip.

A unanimous vote was recorded to approve the amended by-laws regarding the removal of the 8th Grade Washington Trip.

- **Communications Report:** Emily Ragan announced that this will be her last meeting as the VP of Communications. She will be leaving the position at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. It was announced that Janet White will be taking over her roll, by unanimous vote, for the remainder of her term (until the end of the 2010-2011 school year). Emily and Janet will meet and discuss the role. The Last PTO corner of this school year will go out on Friday May 28th. Emily has served the PTO well and will be greatly missed. The PTO and the ACS family thank her for her dedication and service

- **Social Report:** Laura Heese reported that the Teacher Breakfasts are complete and finished for this school year. It was a wonderful year of breakfasts for the ACS Teachers. The Kindergarten class won the contest of best hosted class breakfast. The entire Kindergarten class has earned an extra dress down day and ice cream sandwiches. It was reported that 4th Grade came in second.
- **Enrichment Report:** Meredith Jacobs reported that Ms. Huskins, the art teacher, will be hosting an art program over the summer. However, it was mentioned, by Dean Brown, this may not take place due to the driveway and field repair.
- **Fundraising Report:** Allyson Ford and Deb Van Sicklin reported that the PTO has a net total of \$487.15 (without the Jamba Juice proceeds) from the Field Day Concessions. All of the money earned today will benefit the PE Department, specifically for Field Day next year. It was reported that Field Day went well. The Uniform Sale was hosted simultaneously as Field Day, and it too went well. At the time of the meeting, no numbers had been reported for the Uniform Sale.

A pancake breakfast will be held 2 weeks after school starts, on Saturday August 21, 2010. This will be a social fundraiser.

- **SAC Report:** Robin Warnke, SAC Chair, announced the appointment of the new SAC/PTO Co-Representatives, Shaneen Karren and Christa Johanson. Robin also reported that the SAC is adjourned until July. The SAC will be attending a new training course. They will hold a meeting in August to discuss the School Improvement Plan. One of their goals is to focus on the PTO's needs (i.e. data for fundraisers).
- **Dean's Report:** Dean Brown reported that ACS has selected a new Science Curriculum to purchase. The Middle School will start with the CPO program and the Elementary School will start with the FOSS program. FOSS stands for "Full Option Science System". (CPO is the sister company of the FOSS program.) The Middle School program costs approximately \$60,000 and the Elementary School program costs approximately \$30,000 (this gives a total of \$90,000 needed). FOSS offers a payment plan of \$10,000 per year for 3 years. To start these programs, a \$70,000 commitment is needed. The ACS School has \$30,000 and the PTO has \$30,000+. It was asked by Dean Brown if the PTO could commit to an additional \$10,000 for next year. The PTO will put it to a vote in September.

- **Dean's Report, cont'd.:** Training in this program is cost free and very intensive. All K-8 teachers are getting trained in these programs.

The First year of this program the school will cycle through the Physical Science classification. The second year the school will cycle through the Earth Science classification. And the third year the school will cycle through the Life Science classification. Each classification comes in kits, not books. It is a "hands on" program. The Science lab is also taught through FOSS. It will be applied to the CORE curriculum and tied into what is being taught in the classroom.

As expected with this type of program, there will be a consumable portion. It will cost the school roughly \$1000 per year per classification to replenish the kits for K-5 or restock the kits for the new year or grade. Thus, this will yield a \$3000 per year fee to maintain all subjects once they are all implemented. It was noted that Douglas County Schools use the FOSS program too.

Dean Brown has completed a Title II Grant for \$7,000. This was requested to help cover the impending Science costs as well as training for the continuance of writing improvement and progress.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie Buckley reported that the money collected to date is approximately \$32,000. There was a remaining \$2,132 that had been allocated for Teacher Scholarships but was not used and will be put back into the PTO general budget. The ACS PTO has received approximately \$550 from the King Sooper script program as well as \$147 from the Target script program.

It was reported that the ACS PTO had received a request from last year, by teacher Mrs. Hughes, for the Rosetta Stone Level II Language Program. Licenses for this Rosetta Stone program cost approximately \$2,570. This will be researched and be reviewed for the next school year.

The School Supply Purchase program is now open. The link is on the ACS website. The process for ordering has been changed this year. If you order before June 10th, 5% of all sales will be delegated back to ACS, which is roughly a \$5 profit per kit. And if families order before June 10th, no shipping charges will apply and the kits will be sent directly to ACS. However, if families order after this date shipping charges will apply and the kits will be sent to the student's home. Email blasts will go out next week.

The Financial Statements are available for viewing.

- **Teacher Representatives Report:** Nothing new to report as neither Tina Cook nor Michelle Barrett was present at the meeting (Proxies attached for both).
- **New Business:** No new business to report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. End of meeting minutes. The PTO Executive Board will meet once over the summer.