

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013

Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Holly Boime.

Members present: Trisha Parks, Constance San Juan, Amy Liber, Laura Mason, Holly Boime, Diana Cameron, Drew Raine, Debbie Armendariz, and Claire Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by PTA President Amy Liber.

Principal Update—School Safety: Debbie Armendariz

- There is a law passed for districts to be aligned with national laws—from the USDA-developed around firefighting, the chain of command, and communicating—after “911.”

Question (Q.): How does everyone keep in touch with each other during an emergency?

Answer (A.): Shared codes are used.

- Atkinson had a vulnerability assessment—before the Sandy Hook elementary school tragedy.
- Sandy Hook Elementary School followed the nationally proscribed emergency preparedness protocol.
- Shooters are white males and known to someone at the school.
- Atkinson did the emergency drill today.
- The alarm was set accidentally first day back after winter break.
- Atkinson is more vulnerable at student drop-off and pick-up so parents need to enter and exit through one point—the foyer.
- Monday there was a staff meeting about safety.
- Need parents to be out of the building until **3 p.m.**

Q: Why?

A: The Principal is responsible for the kids until 3 p.m.

Q: Can you stagger dismissal time?

There was discussion about this. It doesn't seem practical to have different dismissal times.

- The threat that's most likely is to have a mentally ill person come into the building.

Q: How are these new policies going to be communicated?

A: Through the FYI.

- The Principal is asking parents to reinforce the policy of standing outside until 3 p.m.

- She's also asking parents to ask about "strangers" in the school and people not wearing badges.

PTA Budget: Treasurer Constance San Juan

- Income: Eats Out \$474/\$559 Pizzacato—not doing Burgerville.
- Overnight trip: \$9,000 has been raised. Need about \$6,500 more.
- At Three Kings Day event the collection jar got \$150.
- PTA membership: 5 new members since November. There are 11 more members than last year. Membership went up by 10%.
- Chinook Book sales netted \$1,343.
- And the outdoor learning garden (OLG) t-shirts and note cards netted \$260.

Q: How many PTA members are there?

A: 123 members

Lunar New Year (LNY) event and Lost and Found Update: Holly Boime

- Lunar New Year –planning underway.
- There are a lot of items in the lost and found.

Volunteer Coordinator: Gina Jones

- Winter-sing-along went well; good feedback was received. Thank-you to Drew.
- The Pennies for Patients community service project will go for three weeks. The class that raises the most money will get a pizza party. This school-wide service project was approved by the Principal.

Auction Update: Diane Cameron

- The auction is on facebook. Please visit it and comment on it.
- This year's theme is "Grow with Us."
- We've received \$3,600 from sponsors.
- We still need items such as vacation homes, etc.
- There'll be food from Noble Rot and a band/DJ.

State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer wants to come back at the next PTA meeting.

Parent Susan Allen, who is a lobbyist, wants to offer legislative training to parents and others. It's tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 31st in the library from about 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A nominating committee is needed which must be elected at a general meeting. The committee can't contain any board members.

At the next parent coffee indoor recess will be discussed.

The PTA membership voted to adopt the November 2012 PTA meeting minutes.

1st motion: Constance San Juan

2nd motion: Trisha Parks

Received majority vote: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.