

# SONORAN SKY

## Sonoran Sky Elementary PTO Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2016 Media Center

### Attendees

President - Bianca Cords

Principal – Rob Dawson

Treasurer - Michelle Jaleeli

Secretary – Jen Taulbee

VPs, Fundraising - Whitney Crutchley, Alison Feinberg

Chair, Enrichment – Faydra Huntingford

Chair, Hospitality - Anita Elton

Chair, Volunteers; Student Council – Mary Grace Wargo

UPC – Marisha Geraghty

PTO Teacher Representatives - Debbie Arn, Erin Spiekerman, Rachael Wyatt

Committee Chairs – Megan Starr, Michelle Kass, Kat Carlson, Becca Norton, Kerri Bauer, Nikki Coburn, Claudia Ballard, Alison Plotnik

Ashley Suedekum, Kamie Marsillo, Mary Hatsakorzian, Sheryl Thomas, Michele Carroll, Denise Lieberthal, Elana Kutz

### Welcome - Bianca Cords

### Standing Presentation Items

- Principal's Report - Rob Dawson

Things are going really well. The second half of the year goes by quickly. We spend a lot of time in the office getting ready for next year beginning in January. Already working on registration, kinder roundup – word of mouth is the best way to spread information about our school. Reaching out to local preschools, but positive conversation is key. We have families that open enroll at several schools and usually have about 100 out of 150 registrations enroll. STEM night is coming up quickly. Only 13 full days of school in January. Marisha recommends we let people know why we are continuing to choose SSKY. January 19 is my next coffee – open forum and is very interesting and fun. We started our morning greeters program and will have another training during conference week. Commitment requirement is very low – one day or every day. We had 5 new families start at SSKY yesterday.

- Teachers' Report - Teacher Reps (Arn, Spiekerman)

Appreciate as always the Hospitality committee for treating us so well. It's such a treat.

- Financial Report - Michelle Jaleeli

Please see attached review. APEX is at 90% collection at this point, \$57,000 -- \$7000 short of budget goal. However, VolDon was up this year so it balances out. Please let me know what you would like to hear from the finance side for meetings. Last month, a lot of money was paid out from CSF. We paid for Spelling/Geog Bee, AIRS, Hospitality, Teacher Continuing Ed and seminars, Wonderland. We do have a small amount of additional monies going out to room parents for teacher gifts. CPA contacted us and said that he can no longer continue to do our taxes. We are currently looking to hire someone new, would like to ask the community if there are any accountants that would be interested in doing our taxes.

### Voting Item

- Minutes from December PTO board meeting – Bianca Cords  
Faydra moves to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all aye. Minutes approved.

## Additional Presentation Items

- Recap of Recent / Current Events
  - APEX Fun Run - Bianca Cords / Ashley Suedekum  
Made a bit less than we budgeted. However, looking at VolDon and APEX as a whole puts us on track with the budget. The weather was much better than in the past, the color run for 6<sup>th</sup> seemed to go over very well. We need to start thinking about whether we will do it next year. Will schedule meeting to discuss fundraising options for next year. Overall positive feedback but timing needs to be reconsidered. Huge thank you to Ashley for organizing the new prize structure. Teachers feel positively about the change of the prize structure as well.
  - SSOS Packing Event / Gift Drive - Michelle Kass / Julie Burr  
We had a huge turnout, much bigger than expected. Many new faces this year, which was wonderful. We provided food and gifts for 60 families. Cactus View distribution was smooth and very well received. Really hope to do this again next year and are reconsidering the timing of the event. Welcome feedback on timing. Please thank Julie for all of her hard work with this event.  
First grader took it upon herself to decorate pinecones and sold them to her neighbors. She took the money and asked that it be donated to SSOS.
- Upcoming Events
  - Conference Week, January 23-27 – Bianca Cords  
We've had discussions about the amount of asks we have of families during conference weeks and TA week. We've received feedback from parents that not every class is full of able participants and it can be stressful on room parents.  
This time, we'd like to find one day where you bring a drink, lunch, or similar.
  - Cantina Night, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Alison Feinberg  
We have a little over 40 registered, looking to see 100+ people at the event. Early Bird pricing ends this Friday. \$30/person includes plenty of food and one drink ticket. We are still collecting wonderful auction items. 1:45 meeting this Thursday. It's a community builder with an auction element. We're having an icebreaker/raffle that is free. Mr. Dawson was going to gauge the interest of teacher experiences to be raffled. Kerri Bauer commented that she found it to be a worthwhile effort and is happy to assist with it again. Fourth grade teachers happy to jump in and host an experience. We would love our teachers to attend this event – discounted ticket code being sent. Using GiveSmart again and hope to have the auction live a week before the event.
  - STEM Night, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Megan Becker / Amanda Stefansson  
5-8pm on campus. We have 5 events taking place including judged competition from individuals, an egg drop, trebuchet launch with gummies, robot runway, Rubik's Cube competition and anyone who solves in 2 minutes is eligible to join the tournament team. Food trucks on campus.
  - Talent Show, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kerri Bauer / Steph Mindlin  
If needed, we will open up another date, Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Acts are limited to 90 seconds. Screening dates are 2/9&10 to check for appropriate content. Dress rehearsal is 2/21. Information forms will be sent home this week. Participation fee is \$10.
- Kudos and Thank Yous - Bianca Cords  
Ashley for APEX work, Michelle and Julie for SSOS, Faydra for Enrichment, Alison for Cantina, Nikki for SUG, Megan for Ambassador. Winner is Ashley!
- PTO Volunteer of Month Parking Spot Raffle - Bianca Cords  
Winner is Nina Smith

## Discussion Items

- Planning for next year - Bianca Cords

We will start in February. Once Cantina Night is wrapped up, we will have a brainstorming meeting for fundraisers. We also need to work on budget to be approved for next year. We will also need to vote on any open Board and Chair positions; will soon send out information about continuing and new positions. After next month's meeting, would like to have all board and chairs stick around for a few minutes for Q&A.

### Other Chair / Committee Reports

- Enrichment - Faydra Huntingford  
Opened yesterday and sold out Minecraft456 in an hour. Mrs. Sanchez agreed to run one more day to accommodate the demand. I can already see what classes will need a boost to keep open, so please keep an eye out for that information. 2 more weeks of registration and classes start on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Would like feedback regarding District-only enrichment on Thursdays.
- Wonderland - Kim Tuite  
Saturday is the Game & Fish Awards Dinner for Karen Klein & pond awards. Still haven't heard about our grants. Thank you to Michelle & Bianca for your approval to fix the broken pump over break. Taking citrus donations this week if you have extras.
- Hospitality - Anita Elton / Jen Burns  
We had an awesome holiday lunch. Very grateful for all of the time & energy from parents. Thank you for everyone that helps out. We did get carwash donations so each teacher received a free carwash for the holidays. Monday, January 23 dinner provided from Saigon Nights, I need someone to pickup and dropoff, please. Will stock the lounge with our standard drinks & snacks. Desserts coming in February most likely.
- UPC - Marisha Geraghty  
Great career & readiness seminar in December; was first middle & high school gifted seminar filled with tons of wonderful information. Gifted in the Middle is an upcoming seminar on January 25 from 6-730 – I urge middle school parents to attend. March 29 is strategies for twice-gifted children and really looking forward to it – speaker is from Vista Verde. General UPC meeting is Wednesday – coffee with the cabinet which will include new faces.
- Site Council - Bianca Cords / Kamie Marsillo / Kelley Crandall  
Will update after January's meeting.
- Other news –  
Bricks are done and installed!  
Directories are distributed!  
JCC contacted Alison regarding an Open House this weekend where they are offering a lot of discounted products.

Adjourned 9:06am