

Shafter Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes

16 OCTOBER 2018 / 6:00 PM / CAFETERIA

Attendees

Kerry Campbell (Pres), Jennifer Rodriguez (1VP), Ann Miller (2VP), Lori Watkins (Sec), Mrs. Alison Higa (Principal), Mrs. Ronnell Nipp (Vice-Principal), Lincoln Tyler (Teacher Liaison), Tamsin Keone (CYSS Rep), Andrea Alcala (CC), Nikia Leslie, Sarah Gilbert, J. Castellano, Valerie Kim, Lyndsey, Christina Savala

Agenda

Fundraisers

Wrap Up

Regal Cookie Sales: Ann reported that cookie sales were a success with a net profit of \$1565.55. Thanks so much to everyone who ordered and everyone who helped with the pick-up process! The board is looking into possibly using an order form for the bread sales in February (also Regal Bakery) rather than the tickets, to make it easier for parents. More to come on that. One concern was raised that the cookies were dry and it was asked if we might consider using another company next year. Kerry brought up that some of the reasons we like using Regal are that they are local, share reasonable profits, and do a great job with prizes. School Kine and Cookie Korner were recommended as two other local companies to look into for next year.

Papa John's: Jennifer announced that the profit for August was \$224.47 and that she has noticed participation has doubled this year. Great job, everyone! Please see Jennifer if you are interested in being the coordinator. Also, it was brought up that one member placed an order with Papa John's and it took 70 minutes from the time the order was placed until it was delivered. Without requesting compensation for the long wait, Papa John's sent a coupon for a free pizza! Nice to know that this company is taking care of us! They also provided us with free pizzas for our teacher appreciation luncheon last year. Thank you, Papa John's!

Soon

Original Artworks: Jennifer and Austyn Brouillette are co-chairs and will have packets out on Monday Oct 22nd. Kids have been working on art projects in class and you will receive the finished projects on Monday. If you do NOT wish to place an order, you may keep the art project. However, if you are ordering, the art projects must be returned with the order form. Along with the order form you will receive a price sheet and a helpful Do's and Don'ts list. Orders are due Monday Oct 29th. Jennifer is looking for volunteers to help organize orders on Wed Oct 31st immediately following the Halloween parade as well as Mon Dec 10th when orders come in. She will post a volunteer sign-up sheet on our PTO Facebook page. We raised around \$2800 last year and paid for May Day celebration shirts. These make great Christmas gifts for family!

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$4,732.58

Ice Pops Update: $512.26 - 198.81 = \$313.45$ Net Income - also note that the board approved to give the 6th graders 6 dates this semester to sell ice pops and keep the money raised for their end of year party. This gives them the opportunity to make around \$400 themselves instead of receiving \$200 from the PTO for cake.

Regal Cookie Update: $4973.55 - 3408.00 = \$1565.55$ Net Income

Papa John's Update: \$321.96 - It was noted that this number is different than the number given by Jennifer in her update. We will verify with Martha which is correct.

Keiki Kits: \$238.94

Service Project Ideas: Last year we used our fundraiser money to purchase May Day shirts for all students and teachers as well as the blue garbage cans with school logos. We are looking for ideas for how to use our money this year. We created a survey for teachers and staff which Mrs. Higa sent out and received some feedback. Both 4th grade and kindergarten teachers have requested help with funding **buses for field trips**. This was an idea that the PTO board originally had and we estimated would cost around \$3000 to fund one field trip bus per class. The administration also had the idea for PTO to donate **purple shirts** to each child for Month of the Military Child in April. This would also cost over \$3000. Another administration request for the month of October was to give each child a **free ice pop** in celebration of the Strive High performance. See below. Also the custodians have requested \$300 to purchase a **weed wacker** and another idea the PTO board had was to purchase **industrial fans** for the cafeteria (around \$50/each) so students can have PE in the cafeteria when it's raining. Please let us know if you have any other ideas by the next meeting in January so we can vote!

Principal/Vice Principal's Report

Mrs. Higa wanted to remind everyone that the school did not meet it's projection numbers for this year so has to return around \$200k in funding. Projection for next year is even lower so budget will again be less. This is why there is a funding request for things like weed wackers. The DOE does send out a maintenance crew every other week to provide lawn service, however, recently, due to illness, the crews have been behind so our custodians have been trying to help. The PTO Board has discussed having parent service days to help with beautification of the school and Kerry is looking into getting a grant from Lowe's to provide some funds. One suggestion was made to use funds to plant plants that are used in our biennial May Day celebrations.

Mrs. Higa and Mrs. Nipp also wanted to let everyone know how well the students are doing this year. The school's Strive High report, which represents testing of students grades 3-6, was above average for the entire state of Hawaii and the highest in our complex. Way to go, Shafter Eagles!! Also, the school has been receiving a lot of praise from base administration for the success of all our recent emergency drills. Our students evacuated up

the hill to their safety zone in 4 minutes!! Way to go, teachers and staff, for getting the kids organized safely and way to go, kids, for following directions!

On the Horizon

Trunk or Treat: Lori and Sandie de Los Reyes are chairing. Will be Friday October 26th from 5:30 to 7pm at AMR Community Center. PTO will have a trunk decorated with a bean bag toss for kids to play and receive a treat. Stop by and have some Halloween fun!

Fall Festival: Lori is also chairing. Will be Friday November 9th from 4:30 to 7:30pm. This is a fundraiser carnival put on by the teachers. PTO provides support by helping with ticket sales. There is no presale this year. Tickets are 50 cents each and are used to play games, purchase popcorn or baked goods, have your face painted, etc. Lori will post a volunteer sign-up on Facebook. We will need about 6 volunteers to help man the two ticket booths. Just a reminder that school lets out early at 1:15pm that Friday and at 2:05pm on that Wednesday, Nov 7th. This is a really fun event. Please put it on your calendar!

American Education Week: This is the week of November 12-16. We would like to provide a potluck for 70 staff like we did last year. If you would like to be the chair of this event, please let us know!

Yard Sale: Our next yard sale is Saturday, Dec 1st in Radford Terrace. If you live in Radford Terrace and have garage space, please let us know! Last time we donated leftover items to Hickam and Shafter Thrift Shops. Suggestions were also given to donate to the National Kidney Foundation and the women's shelter in Pearl Ridge.

Holiday Shop: This is a service provided to the students, not a fundraiser. We are using products from the Penguin Patch company and will set up a store December 17, 18 & 19 for kids to purchase presents for parents/siblings/etc. There will also be a wrapping station as well. We will need volunteers to help and Kerry will post a sign-up on Facebook as we get closer.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2019 at 6pm in the Cafeteria

Look What's Coming Up.....

October

22 - Original Artworks go home for ordering

26 - Trunk or Treat at AMR Community Center

29 - Original Artworks orders due

31 - Student Halloween parade at school/OAW organized for mailing

November

9 - Fall Festival

12-16 - American Education Week

December

1 - Yard Sale from 8am-Noon inside Radford Terrace at Murray near Peltier

7 - Original Artworks delivered

10 - OAW Volunteers needed for inprocessing orders

17-20 - Holiday Shop

January

15 - PTO General Meeting at 6pm in the Cafeteria

February

1 - Regal Bread Sales Begin

15 - Jump Rope for Heart

20 - Regal Bread Sales End

March

5 - Regal Bread delivered for pick-up

8 - Spring Fling 5-8pm

April

1-4 - Month of the Military Child Activities

2 - PTO General Meeting at 6pm in the Cafeteria

2-4 - Reading for Education

TBA - Volunteer Appreciation event

May

6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week