

PTO Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2017

Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

PTO Members Present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Ashlie Lee (Secretary), Steve Millstein (Treasurer)

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:02 pm

Minutes approved for March 2017 meeting

Treasurer's Report: Not much activity in March- supported band trip to Disney, don't forget State Tax Credit!

Principal's Corner:

- Testing update- want to showcase what the students know!

Old Business:

- Entrance Testing- hosted refreshment table.
- Scoop Night- not as successful as Fall, but did raise \$200 from Scoop and about \$100 in games
- Field Day- School event- PTO helps with volunteers only- students did send thank you notes to Fire Department for coming.
- White Ribbon Week- Online Awareness- Not My Kid Presentation
- Elections- see March 2017 minutes. Working on "bible/handbook" for new board, will hand off when completed

New Business:

- Teacher Appreciation Week- May 1-5 with a Western theme
- Book Fair- Buy one get one Free for the last 3 days of school.

Spotlight: No items

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 pm.

March 21, 2017 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Staci Snow (Vice President), Ashlie Lee (Secretary)

Board elections held for 2017-2018 school year. New members are:

President- Tammy Weeks

Vice President- Sohani Ahmed

Treasurer- Wade Lotz

Secretary- Salina Brown

February 21, 2017 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Ashlie Lee (Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:02 pm

Minutes approved for January 2017 meeting

Treasurer's Report: Will be provided at next meeting (Treasurer not present)

Principal's Corner:

- White Ribbon Week (Internet Safety Week) will be March 20-24. The idea is to educate students and parents on internet safety.
- Not My Kid Presentation will be at March PTO Meeting.

Old Business:

- Fun Run/Family Night- was a success for the first year! Raised approximately \$5,000. Will be bigger and better next year with lessons learned this year.

New Business:

- Entrance Testing- PTO will host refreshments table on March 4th- look for volunteer link
- Scoop Night- March 9th from 4-7
- Field day- all grades this year- March 9th and 10th- look for volunteer link
- White Ribbon week- 3/20-3/24 (Internet Safety awareness)
- Teacher Appreciation coming the first week of May
- Book Fair- last 3 days of school- buy one get one free!

Spotlight: PTO Board elections for 2017-2018 school year- all positions open!

Next Meeting is March 21, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 pm

January 17, 2017 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Staci Snow (Vice President), Ashlie Lee (Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:13 pm

Minutes approved for November 2016 meeting

Treasurer's Report: Will be provided at next meeting (Treasurer not present)

Principal's Corner:

- Ms. Epacs presented data at the Principal's List/Honor Roll Assembly. Benchmarks are going up. Next Site Council will present plan for next steps.

Old Business:

- Dinner for staff during conferences was provided by volunteers.
- Fall Carnival- Success overall, wristband sales up, sponsorships down, suggestions for next year are welcome.
- Open Enrollment January 9th, PTO hosted a hospitality table for potential families.
- Books from Book Fair donations- 3 new books were purchased for the library

New Business:

- Fun Run/Family Night- Friday February 10th. Students will run as many laps as possible in 15 minutes and collect donations/pledges per lap.
 - Will be incorporating a Family Night into the Fun Run.
 - Will be looking for gift card donations
 - Will be putting out a Volunteer request in the near future
- Scoop Night will now be March 9th
- Entrance Testing- will be March 4th, need volunteers for hospitality table.

Spotlight: Fun Run/Family Night was discussed in New Business

Next Meeting is February 21, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33 pm

November 15, 2016 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Ashlie Lee (Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:12 pm

Minutes approved for October 2016 meeting

Treasurer's Report: Will be provided at next meeting (Treasurer not present)

Principal's Corner: No items

Old Business:

- Dinner for staff during conferences was provided by volunteers. Will have another night in January and looking for volunteers.

New Business:

- Spirit shirt sales- will be available at fall carnival
- Blue Ribbon Celebration will take place November 21st.
- Fall Carnival- wristband sales have been brisk, lots of volunteer opportunities.
- Fun Run- next big fundraiser which will be February 2, 2017. Will need to put a team together for logistic planning. Event will be combined with family night for a fun night!

Spotlight: No items

Next Meeting is January 17, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 pm

October 18, 2016 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado (President), Staci Snow (Vice President), Steve Millstein (Treasurer), Ashlie Lee (Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:00 pm

Minutes approved for August and September 2016 meetings

Principal's Corner:

- Dr. Johnson presented information regarding the budget override election
 - Bond approved last year provided capital funds
 - This override is already in place and needs to be renewed per Arizona law (every 5 years)
 - A yes vote will keep in place what is there today with no tax changes
 - A No vote will cut funding to the schools and taxes will go down about \$23 per month
 - This vote is going out one year early, July 2018 would be the first changes depending on the result of the vote.

Spotlight:

- The student council made up of 6, 7 and 8th graders made a presentation of who they were and why they chose student council. There are 4 officers and over 30 members.

Old Business:

- Book Fair- fall book fair was successful with \$8100 in gross sales (compared to \$4000 last year).

New Business:

- Spirit shirt sale schedule- fall carnival will be next selling event. All sales will be while supplies last!
- Dinner for conferences 10/27 and 1/19- looking for volunteers to provide dinner to the teachers/staff on these late nights. Have one volunteer for 10/27, looking for help and additional volunteer on 1/19.
- Fall Carnival- 11/18- selling wristbands before school and online this year, looking for raffle donations, volunteer information will go out soon.

Next Meeting is November 15, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

September 20, 2016 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:00 pm

Treasurer's report provided by Jacque Alvarado on behalf of Steve Millstein

Principal's Corner by Ms. Epacs

Old Business:

- Curriculum night- shirt sales generated \$655 in cash and \$420 in credit card sales
- Scoop night- \$700 raised!
- Student/classroom of the month- Thank you to the volunteers!

New Business:

- Book Fair 9/26 to 9/30- thank you to the volunteers who have signed up!
- Spirit shirt sale schedule- after the meeting tonight, book fair on 9/28, home game on October 5th, fall carnival. All sales will be while supplies last!
- Dinner for conferences 10/27 and 1/19- looking for volunteers to provide dinner to the teachers/staff on these late nights.
- Fall Carnival- 11/18- looking for sponsors, lining up vendors, looking for raffle donations
- Sport schedule- look for link on PTO website

Spotlight:

- Fall Carnival- November 18th
 - Dad's club coordinating with PTO help as needed
 - Looking for donations, people to be onsite and helping, rides and food vendors set up
 - This is a big fundraiser for the school!

Next Meeting is October 18, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm

August 16, 2016 PTO Meeting Minutes- Vista del Sur

PTO members present: Jacque Alvarado, Staci Snow, Steve Millstein, Ashlie Lee

Meeting called to order by Jacque Alvarado at 6:00 pm

Board Introduction/Roles

- Introduced new board- Jacque Alvarado, President, Staci Snow VP, Steve Millstein Treasurer and Ashlie Lee Secretary
- Role of PTO is to support staff and get parents involved

Principal's Corner:

- First week went well, pickup times improving (longest was 46 minutes, fastest 21 min). Walking School Bus is an option as well.

Calendar of Events:

- On the PTO website (vistadelsurpto.com) is a link to the volunteer sign ups for the various events on the schedule.
- Big change this year is no cookie dough fundraiser. Focus will be on Fall Carnival and a new Fun Run to be the large fundraisers.
- Scoop Night coming up September 1st – easy way to earn money for school (approx. \$2,000 raised last year).
- Book Fair – Sept. 26 to 30th daily in the library

Fundraising Recap:

- 2015-16 - \$20,142 was put back into the school in various areas (screen/projector in the gym, sound system, music instruments, various clubs, etc.).
- 2016-17 goal is \$21,000 with the swing set (\$16,000) being the largest item along with picnic tables, Scholastic News for Social Studies in grades 6-8 along with other various clubs (teacher appreciation, student of the month, etc.).
- Community Rewards are an easy way to earn money for the school (last year earned \$2700)
 - Anyone who wants to research other programs for fundraising is welcome to do so and bring ideas to PTO
- Spirit shirts were a success this year at Meet the Teacher. Another order has been placed for youth sizes and will have them for sale at curriculum night and other upcoming events.

Treasurers Report:

- Anyone with connections with their company for donations please contact Steve or the PTO
- Reconciliations for June and July 2016 have been completed
- Annual May reconciliation for taxes is done. Taxes are in process (form 990) of being prepared.
- PTO is a 501c organization
- Corporate Commission report has been filed and we are in good standing
- Insurance is due in October 2016
- Ended last school year with \$12,000 in bank after donations, with \$2000 in savings
- Box Tops and My Coke Rewards- easy way to earn money for school – send them to school with your student as each classroom has a collection bin
- Dad's Club- Fall Carnival is the big fundraising event- earned \$7500 last year with each teacher receiving \$125

Q&A:

- Parent asked if dress down was free- advised it would be \$1 dress down for various clubs on campus- student council coordinates

- Parent asked if for events that are a week long or over a long period of time if have to volunteer the entire time- advised PTO would accept help anytime parent can provide and it would not be expected they volunteer the entire length of the event.
- Parent asked about the chocolate bars sold last year for 8th grade DC trip- asked if could expand to 4-8 in Sept/October and then after that only for 8th grade? Ms. Epacs and the parent to discuss since this was a large fundraiser for the 8th grade trip and other food item related restrictions.

If anyone is interested in maintaining the PTO website feel free to contact the PTO board.

Next Meeting is September 20, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 pm