

**PTO General Meeting
February 13, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Desert Springs Preparatory Academy Principal Raquel Scott

- Core Knowledge curriculum
- 450 students and structured Autism program
- Structured dress code
- One-to-one Chrome book technology for the school (1st-6th grade)
- Discussed boundary changes – incoming Kindergarten that was formerly Sandpiper boundary is now within Desert Springs boundary
- 75% of school is open enrollment

Carnival Update

- Adult and High School volunteers needed (we have enough Middle School volunteers)
- Gretchen will send Erin the items to bid on for the silent auction; Erin will include in Carnival email to families
- Ms. Adam can take photos

School Kits

- We are using a new company this year: Educational Products Inc. (EPI). Four companies were priced and EPI came in with the best prices.
- All sales will be online; the deadline will be later than previous years (June 24)
- Sandpiper profit margin will be 10%

Upcoming Events

- Kona Ice: Friday, February 16
- Variety Show this Friday, February 16 for grades K-3; performers should arrive at 6:00
- Trekkers every Friday at lunch
- Noche de Aventuras: Friday, April 6

Yearbook

- Pictures needed: send to Kea Carota
- Pictures of multiple kids in an image is best

PTO Roles for Next Year

- **PTO Board Positions and Event Chairs**
 - April PTO meeting (April 17 at 3:30) will be when voting happens
 - Positions can be held for two years; if no one else is interested in a position and the current Board Members wants to remain in it, they can

Teachers' Report: Ms. Brown

- Ms. Brown purchased Spanish language books for various grades; PTO will reimburse her

Principals' Report: Ms. Cameron

- Ms. Cameron and Ms. Brown went to a STEM seminar and received \$500 in grant money to spend on STEM supplies.

- The walkways that border the library need to be increased in size so we will pull forward the current shelves to create more space.
- The shade covering will be installed over spring break.
- Look at United Parent Council Teacher Appreciation information and consider recognizing a teacher.
- PV School Board is coming to Sandpiper for “Bagels with the Board” on March 1, 10:00-11:00 in the Sandpiper Media Center.
- We are adopting the Palomino Primary PTO to help them establish a stronger PTO. The school is Title I and primarily Spanish-speaking (28th St. & Greenway area).

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.