

Porter Ranch Community PTA

OCTOBER Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Understanding that many attendees have other obligations, work, etc, we are trying to keep the meeting as brief as possible. Therefore, only topics on the agenda will be discussed. If you have something you would like to discuss at a future meeting, please email our President, Alice Park Lee.

District PTA Dinner: Due to her husband's work schedule, our membership coordinator was unable to attend the District PTA Dinner. Since the ticket was already purchased, an invitation to booster members was extended and accepted. It was a nice event—a great opportunity to network with other PTA organizations and represent PRCS.

PTA Association Meeting: Our first PTA Association meeting went very well; over 40 newcomers attended.

Oil Drilling Petition: A Castlebay PATH member has approached PRCS for a signature showing support for their petition which opposes expansion of oil drilling operations in Porter Ranch. Our President felt that we did not have enough information about the topic to make an educated decision.

Motion: Lisa Gilder moved that we table the discussion until we have more information. Gabrielle Su seconded. Vote Results: 10 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. It was recommended that those interested in the topic attend the monthly Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council meeting.

Motion: Lisa Gilder motioned that we approve September PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes. All were in favor with 1 abstention (PTA secretary felt it was a conflict of interest)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion: Jen Hollestelle motioned that we ratify checks 1152-1171 as seen on page 2 of the Treasurer's Report. Lisa Gilder seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.

Motion: Brooke Baker motioned to include Financial Reports as part of the Meeting Minutes. Susan Lumdsen seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.

Motion: Jen Hollestelle moved that the following committees be moved from the PTA to the Student Store: 5th Grade Fundraising, 8th Grade Fundraising and Yearbook. (this was PTA District's recommendation) Trisha Witwit seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP: The PTA membership drive has resumed. There are currently 487 members of which 22 are teachers. Mrs. Robin Kieffer, a teacher, will be facilitating the PTA teacher memberships. Adrienne will send a note to room parents. We have exceeded our goal with no promoting whatsoever. We have sent \$2727.75 to the State PTA as part of our dues. We have received \$171.00 in donations. \$2727.75 – already given portion to state PTA. Posters will go up this week. Hopefully we can get a message in the Coyote Howl as well. We are on track.

\$2,500 PTA DONATION TO PRCS: We began this school year with an outstanding balance of approximately \$13,000. Of this total, it would be nice to ensure that a similar cushion exists for the next academic school year. The following ideas were shared as a way of PTA supporting PRCS with needed supplies, totally \$2,500:

- 1- A basket of toys that our Kinders can use during outdoor play: balls, ropes & building table up to \$500.00. The basket will have a label on it indicating that the contents were a donation from the PTA.
- 2- The same baskets for our Elementary students: balls, ropes, and other equipment for blacktop play up to \$500.00. We will consult with Lizette and Marianna for items they think are needed.

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- 3- PRCS Coyote Mascot, Howlie has arrived and it was given to the school so that the PTA is not responsible for its care. He will appear at all school events and we will note in correspondence that he will be there so that parents can forewarn their child if they are fearful of large characters. (This was approved at previous meeting- September)
- 4- Literacy Garden, up to \$500.00. Ms. Kip would like to build one with all children who are interested in assisting. Plants will be planted with a stake and/or sign for each plant.
- 5- MS Science Fair Registration--- \$160.00
- 6- MS Books, increased budget from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Our library does not contain books above the 6th grade reading level. There is a middle school in Long Beach who obtained a generous donation from Amazon to assist them with building their library collection. Perhaps we can contact them as well and request the same assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family Bingo Night: The event is being sponsored by Ken Sampson, Coldwell Banker, Commercial Real Estate. Exact start time TBD. Board members, please come. The Opportunity Drawing for the OPI basket will occur. He is contributing \$2,000 towards event costs. Kohl's is supporting the event with \$500 and volunteers. Lisa Gilder will secure a contribution from POP water.

Spelling Bee: Penny Pun is chairing this committee.

Dine-Out: Dine-Out will occur next Wednesday at Panda Express on Devonshire. The event is all day. Flyers will go home on Monday and will be available on the web when the pdf file is available.

THINK Week: THINK Week is next week. A week spreading the message that Character Counts. There is an assembly on Wednesday (8-12 am) and Friday. There will also be a THINK Carnival during recess. Help is needed with posters. If available, please assist us this Friday at 9.30 am to make posters and goodie bag.

MS Anti-Bullying Event: The Middle School has invited the 4th and 5th graders to their anti-bullying rally.

Earthquake Shake-Out: On October 16, at 10.16 am, our annual Earthquake Shake-Out will occur. This is a state wide event which demonstrates our readiness for such an event. Volunteers are needed to observe the faculty and staff implement emergency procedures. It is an exercise to provide feedback to the PRCS administration in order to improve our procedures. The Safety Committee is in contact with The Daily News hoping to garner attention to the PRCS Safety Readiness in hopes that this will assist PRCS fill the earthquake kit. If you are available, please arrive at 9.30 am. The Safety Committee takes safety seriously. Every month, they conduct a random drill to see how prepared our school community is. Scenarios for the monthly events are a surprise and the scenario is unknown until the drill actually occurs.

Volunteer Page on Website: It would be beneficial if we had a central location to list volunteer opportunities available at PRCS.

Operation Gratitude: Melissa Cuevas is facilitating Operation Gratitude, which will occur the week after Halloween. Students donate their Halloween candy to the troops.

Committee Specific Email Addresses: Please send the President the login info you use to login to websites (email or otherwise) for PTA business. This ensures that if the information is ever needed quickly, it is in a central location.

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FINANCIALS & MINUTES ON WEBSITE: Jen Hollestelle moved that we post financials and minutes on the website. Suzanne Dersahakian seconded. All agreed, motion passes.

OPEN FLOOR: There are two after school MS Clubs: French Club and Animation. These two clubs are led by Kendi Kim, with assistance from other parent volunteers. Alice will review with Mary to determine if this is an activity that falls under PTA or PRCS.

MOTIONS:

1. Jen Hollestelle motioned that the PTA donations totaling \$2,500 be approved as listed in the financials. Elisa seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.
2. Rana Ghadban made a motion: \$500 to be spent for Family Bingo Night. Suzanne Dersahakian seconds. All approve, motion passes.
3. Felicia Ahn motioned that \$55.72 be approved for items she purchased for the PTA Association Meeting. Summer Shami seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.
4. Gabrielle Su motioned that \$45.13 be approved for supplies that she uses to market the Community Rewards program. Susan Lumdsen seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.34 am.