

APRIL 2015 PTSA MINUTES

John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

Date | time 4/6/2015 7:05 PM | Meeting called to order by Maria Tiongco Ramos

In Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM with 10 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: motion Dr.Howerton, 2nd Patricia Hollar
Minutes were approved.

Welcome, PTSA Recap & President's Report

PTSA President, Mrs. Ramos welcomed the gathering and shared a recap of PTSA accomplishments 'til date. The list included:

- Luigi's family night welcome event
- Creation of bylaws, PTSA entity, and social media accounts
- Winter Festivus community outreach projects
- Sweet Tomatoes restaurant night
- Toe Jam community outreach projects
- STEM Speaker Series
- Mayor of Aurora Visit
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- Established Nominating Committee
- Yearbook Started – Due date for placing yearbook orders to ensure delivery by end of school year -**May 4th**.
- School banners and stands have been purchased and will be displayed during the May meeting.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – Carrie Czarnik

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser brought in \$ 1002.50
- Savings - \$ 600.05
- Petty Cash - \$ 70
- Total PTSA Funds as of 4/6/15 - \$2,177.85

2. Committee Reports:

A. Educational Enrichment :

Chair: Matthew Root

Report presented by Maria Ramos

- Successful start to speaker series
- Accomplishing the goals and addresses two sets of audience – School & University
- We've had a number of responses from business partners for facility tours. Discussing potential dates for next year.
- A committee meeting is scheduled for upcoming Tuesday

B. Socials :

Co-chairs: Tammi Anderson & Celeste Holmes (Carrie Czarnik – PTSA Board Liaison)

Report presented by Maria Ramos

- Watch out for Restaurant Nights @ Chipotle & Papa John's
- Feed My starving Children – Apr 22nd and Apr 28th.

C. Community Outreach:

Chair: Mary Garza (Aruna Davis – PTSA Board Liaison)

Report presented by Mrs. Ramos

- El Diade los Ninos–We will have a booth representing the school and the PTSA. We are looking for students and parents to volunteer for 1-hour time frames to demonstrate to kids attending atoms using gum drops and toothpicks. We were also selected to receive samples of Tom's of Maine toothpaste, which we will hand out at the event (for after the kids eat the gum drops). Signs and banners have been ordered, which we will use for this event and other upcoming PTSA events.

D. Membership

Co-chairs: Sarah Anderson & Patricia Hollar (Ana Venegas - PTSA Board Liaison)

Report presented by Patricia Hollar

- Current membership = 57 members
- Goal is to add more members by election night

E. Fundraising

Report presented by Maria Ramos

- Luigi's Family Night -\$342.50
- Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant Night -\$167.84
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser -\$1,002.50
- PTSA Memberships -\$212.00

3. Principal's Report

Dr. Howerton presented the Principal's report with the following updates and announcements

- **4th Quarter** – Students and Teachers came back from Spring Break on a positive note to begin the fourth quarter.
- **Surveys** – A student and parent survey will be conducted along with student focus groups to evaluate the program. Students will be selected in a random fashion for the focus groups.
- **Outside Evaluators** – Will evaluate the program and will be talking to corporate partners.
- **PARCC Assessments:** End of Year (EOY) PARCC assessments will begin on Apr 27th. Scores from PBA and EOY tests will be combined.
- **Batavia** –Batavia District is on board to join the STEM Partnership School and will be bringing in 50 students for the next school year. The distribution of students in the various grades is yet to be determined.
- **Director** – The new director for the school is yet to be finalized.
- **Open House** – An Open House will be conducted on May 6th between 6 – 7 PM, prior to the PTSA meeting. Teachers are beginning to collect artifacts for display.
- **Tellabs** – The Tellabs school visit was positive.
- **NST A Conference** – Two Middle School teachers were sponsored to attend the National Science Teachers Association conference held in Chicago

- **Field Trip** – All students will be taking a trip to the Museum of Science & Industry on May 26th. Watch out for information coming home.
- **8th Grade Recognition** – Students in 8th grade will be recognized on May 28th at the Prairie Hall followed by a reception.
- **Field Day** – May 29th. Will be organized by the P.E. Teacher. Students will have an opportunity to eat lunch outdoors.
- **June 1st** – Last Day of School.

Approval of PTSA Bylaws

Motion – Dr. Howerton ; Second – Patricia Hollar. Bylaws were approved!

STEM PTSA Contacts

- Website: <http://stem.aurora.edu/parents/ptsa.html>
- Email: STEMSchoolPTSA@gmail.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/STEMSchoolPTSA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/stemschoolptsa>

Important Dates to Remember

- Apr 14th & 15th - Papa John's Restaurant Night
- Apr 22 & 28th - Feed My Starving Children
- Apr 25th - El Dia de los Ninos
- May 4th - 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5th - Smashburger Restaurant Night
- May 6th - Open House/ May PTSA Meeting
- May 8th - No School

Next Meeting

May 6th –PTSA Meeting at 7 pm at the **Homer Easley Education Center** (2015-2016 Officer Elections will be held at that meeting)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Patricia Hollar; 2nd – Dr. Howerton

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Minutes prepared and submitted by

Aruna Davis

Secretary

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