

Innovation Academy PTO Minutes

March 1, 2017

1. Welcome- President Vince Pike called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. Introduction of Board- The new PTO board introduced themselves quickly for the approximately 35 parents that were in attendance. The board is as follows for the 2017-2018 school year: President-Vince Pike; 1st Vice President- Jennifer Fa; Vice President of Communications- Tania Brasfield; Vice President of Volunteers-Christina Berndt; Vice President of Fundraising- Asha O'Shea; Secretary- Kathryn Koenig; Treasurer- Jeremy Carter; Member-at-Large- Alicia Mujica.

3. Approval of Minutes- Kathryn read the minutes to the parents and the minutes were approved as presented. Tania moved to approve them. Asha seconded the motion and they were voted unanimously to be accepted.

4. Accomplishments-
 - a. Mission, Goals, and Objectives were presented by Jen and Vince explained how the PTO was formed and presented to the school board. A parent mentioned that supporting room parents, field trips, and after school programs should also be included. Vince explained that everyone is encouraged to share any and all ideas with the group so all voices are heard. Tania moved to accept the Mission, Goals, and Objectives and Christina seconded. They passed unanimously by the group.

 - b. Budget Statement was presented to the group and explained that this is a preliminary budget and can be revised to meet the needs of the group. PTO is hoping merchandise sales will be large and profitable. Vince reviewed each item on the budget paper that was handed out. The PTO has a little over \$100 that was given by parents at the first meeting in order for us to open an account. Tania moved to accept the Budget Statement and Asha seconded it. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

 - c. Social Media was addressed by Tania and she shared the PTO email address. Parents may communicate with the PTO Board by email at the group email address: **InnovationAcademyPTO@Gmail.com** in order to stay informed.

5. Principal's Message- Principal McConnell explained that all the teachers that will teach at IA are being currently trained in "Project Lead The Way". PLTW's mission is to prepare students for the global economy by providing programs to schools. They offer a problem-based curriculum combined with a teacher professional development. The teachers at the training were working with VEX Robotics to be shared with the students. Principal McConnell talked about the Maker Labs that will be on the campus of IA for the students to use for PLTW activities. PLTW has coding for computer science and all the teachers will be specialized to instruct the technology.

McConnell also shared that the school will have a temporary occupancy on April 17 with a final certificate of occupancy the first week of May. He showed the map of the school and shared that there is a ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively planned for June 2. Next week McConnell will be interviewing Art, Music, and PE teachers. He also would like parents to follow his blog on the IA page online. McConnell is also working with the Rincon Rotary Club writing grants to get it all started for the students.

6. Event Planning- Fundraising and event planning was discussed by Asha and she wants to make sure that all parents are involved in the events and given a chance to find and give ideas. Chipotle will give the school 50% of the profits for a dinner event but the PTO will first need to be a 501c3 to qualify for most donation opportunities throughout the community.

A May BBQ is in the works to meet and greet all the other parents and families and the PTO is hoping it can actually be held at the school.

Christina would like all parents that are interested in helping the PTO in any way to please fill out the volunteer forms that she created. All parents can feel included in the PTO volunteerism aspects.

Other ideas from the parents that were present included a Fun Run and a Read-A-Thon. Direct Giving was discussed and also the aspect of donating time over money. Time is just as valuable as a volunteer for the PTO as money gifting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 by president Vince Pike. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm in the main room at Wetmore Offices. Childcare will be provided.