

Innovation Academy PTO Minutes

August 16, 2017

1. Welcome- President Vince Pike called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. President's Report- Vince updated all the parents on the past events. A special thank you went out to Asha O'Shea and Lindsay Baeder for their hard work on the special welcome baskets that were given to teachers before school started on 8/10. Vince announced that the PTO meetings will be held on the third Wednesdays of each month. The meetings will be held in the MPR (cafeteria) at 6pm. The schedule will be posted on the school website at innovationacademypto.org. Vince pointed out that minutes were on all the tables and were also posted on the website.
3. Treasurer's Report- Emily reviewed the budget and it was approved as presented. The yearly budget was moved and voted on to be accepted. Unanimous vote for approval.
4. Principal's Report- Mr. McConnell said there are 183 mini footsteps leading out to the playground to guide children on their own. He painted each one. He continues to work on safety with all the children and also during parent pick-up time. Innovation Academy is an official Ben's Bells Kindness School and will always practice the highest most kindness acts among teachers, students, and parents. Ben's Bells is a Tucson Non-Profit that stresses the need for others to be kind and loving to each other. The soul purpose is to practice intentional kindness. Mr. McConnell passed out kindness beads to each member of the PTO board. Mr. McConnell talked about the solar eclipse that is 8/21. He thanked the PTO for purchasing enough glasses for the entire school. The PTO will have water available during the school event on the 21st.
5. Committee Reports-
 - a. *Book Fair-* Kathryn Koenig and Leslie Alameda are the chairs of the book fair. Kathryn gave the report for the committee. The committee is up and running and the book fair will be from 10/30-11/3. It will run the entire week with the night event on the 11/3 date. The book fair is through the Scholastic Corp and will be a scientist theme. The next book fair meeting will be Wednesday, August 23 at 3:45 in the library at IA.
 - b. *Fall Festival-* Asha O'Shea and Christina Berndt are heading up the Fall Festival which will be on 11/3. Bounce Houses, games, silent auction and food will all be available. A science theme will also be used at the event to correspond with the book fair. Volunteer forms are on the website so be sure to sign-up now and also as the events come up.

- c. *Yearbook*- Vince spoke on behalf of the yearbook committee. Please take pictures at events so we have a lot to choose from for the yearbook. We are looking for more volunteers for the committee.
 - d. *Fundraising*- Asha gave the fundraising report. She thanked everyone for coming to Blue Banana and expressed it was a wonderful turnout. Family Dinners are all scheduled for the future. Wednesday, September 13 from 4-8 will be at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers in Oro Valley. All the upcoming events will be listed on the website. At this point we are still working on our 501c3 but we will continue to add restaurant nights as we gain this status. Start saving Big-G Box Tops for Education. We can collect and send in for money. Each box top is worth .10. Direct giving campaign will begin soon so be watching for the details. Corporate sponsors were thanked personally and listed in a special hand-out for all to see.
6. Old Business- There was no old business needing discussion as our last PTO meeting had occurred so long ago on May 3, 2017.
7. New Business-
- a. The bylaws must be changed and voted on for our 501c3 to gain acceptance. Vince and Emily worked on the revisions and they are posted on the website for a vote. The old bylaws and the new ones are both there for comparison. A Dissolution Clause has been added.
 - b. A communications update was given. There is a form in the office for comments, suggestions, teacher requests and will also be available for all meetings. The new phone number for the PTO is 520-356-0323. The call goes to email and is transcribed. A text message may also be left. The email address is innovationacademypto.org. Also follow PTO on Facebook.
8. Call To Membership- Suggestions from parents and/or teachers from the audience were:
- Lack of shade at parent pick up was addressed
 - The board using power point for the meetings so all the audience can see
 - Trunk or Treat was asked about
 - Child care was discussed
 - All levels of sponsorship were reviewed and all sponsors were thanked

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm by President Vince Pike. The next meeting will be September 20 at 6pm in the MPR (Cafeteria).