

Esperanza Middle School PTO

General Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm Wednesday September 14, 2016

EMS Cafeteria

- **Meeting called to order** by president Virginia Richardson at 6:10pm
- **Attendance** -11 members- Virginia Richardson, Katharine Gaines, Tracy Clinning-Noel, Lisa Clow, Gracelyn Casas, Jose Casas, Patricia Watson, Dan Brown, Tanya O'Toole, Jadon Lincoln, Ann Buckler. A quorum was reached.
- **Approval Of GM Minutes** – Motion made to dispense with reading Tuesday 19th April 2016 minutes as had been emailed out. Approved.
- **P.E. Wellness Presentation** – by Ms. Clow
3 main goals:
1. Communication with parents re students' fitness scores 2. Classroom yoga via a grant
3. "fooducate" app. More details available on PTO website
- **Vote – 2 new board members** - Tina Miller for treasurer, April Owens for Vice President. Both voted in unanimously in their absence.
- **Treasurer's Report – Katharine Gaines**

Annual budget – presented and approved. Copy attached.
- **Old Business**
 1. **Agendas** for 2016-17 all sold out. Ann Buckler to look for sponsorship from local businesses for next year to make agendas even more lucrative.
 2. **Non Profit Status** work in progress with attorney. Aim to have by end of 2016.
 3. **Shoebox recycling** to restart soon.
- **New Business**
 1. **Spirit Nights** – Sept 19th Chick-fil-A; Nov 5th Sweet Frog/Pot Belly Combo
Feb TBA Chipotle (can't schedule until Jan); April 5th Brusters
 2. **School Dances** – Oct 28th – ELA- Haunted Dance; Nov & Dec No school dances;
Jan 20th Social Studies; Feb 17th Math
 3. **PTO Dance** – March 24th to check with administration. Request for volunteers to go out early. Theme undecided. Committee to be formed.

4. Committees – established:

Spirit Nights – Paula Ross

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Meals – Nancy Bobrowski. (Dates TBD)

Lost & Found Committee – Linda Ferm.(Clothes now donated on a monthly basis)

Needed:

Teacher & Staff Appreciation – volunteers needed to help make up gift bags.

PTO Dance – parent and student involvement needed.

Donations & Fundraising – e.g. gift cards (Loot store, quarterly awards), ice pops (field day), water bottle

Loot Store – parent volunteer needed for lunch times

5. Appreciation Days & Weeks

Bus Driver Appreciation Week Oct 17th-21st. Volunteers needed.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 1st-5th

6. Student Representatives & Involvement

Current representative member status – Gracelyn Casas – Student Council. (Other groups still forming)

Pirate Mascot – worn by a student for events

Name the Pirate Contest – to be run by PBIS in October

2017-18 agenda cover artwork contest. To be run via art teacher, Ms Reed.

PTO Logo by Vanessa Gregorio.

7. CASH Training & Volunteer Status

Now done online.

N.B. Volunteers must be registered and approved and have annually reviewed CASH training.

- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:25pm
- **Minutes compiled by** Tracy Clinning-Noel, PTO secretary