

Adams Elementary PTCO Meeting Minutes Meeting September 27, 2018

Prepared by Secretary Emily Rose-Weber

Meeting held 9/27/18, at Adams Auditorium

Members Present: Nancy Palmer, Mike Palmer, Sylvia McGrade, Mike Miklos, Anita Casavantes-Bradford, Ashley Sanchez, Emily Rose-Weber, Spencer Guerena, Alexis Taylor, Leticia Chavez, Jaime Chavez, Maron Casteneda, Nelia Santoyo, Sachiko Morrison, Jessica Fry, Kemii Soundara, Elitania Perez

Call to Order

PTCO President Nancy Palmer calls to order 6:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Vote- All members vote to approve minutes from September 13, 2018 meeting.

Treasurers Report

PTCO Treasurer Mike Miklos gives update, no major changes since last meeting two weeks ago.

(1) *Insurance-* continue to table the issue until Spencer hears back from school district.

(a) Re: Insurance for our Fall Carnival with Rec Center. Kemii Soundara believes we may be covered under Rec Center's insurance for that specific event since it is their event too.

(2) *Small Expenditures-* if a PTCO member finds they need to spend a small amount of money on a PTCO project and will need reimbursement, the process is as follows: The person will notify Nancy Palmer, Mike Miklos and Emily Rose-Weber. Nancy, Mike and Emily will confer and decide whether to approve the small expenditure.

Defining Our Top Three Goals for the Year

Members present break into small groups to discuss what our top goals should be for this school year. Then as a group we define our top three goals.

(1) Improving After School Childcare/Enrichment Options

A significant majority of members believe that improving after school childcare and enrichment opportunities should be or top priority. Prime Time space is limited and many parents need other options. Affordable or free options. It will be easier to attract new families to Adams if we offer more opportunities.

Ideas:

- Promote “Open Minds” classes earlier. Many parents already made child care arrangements prior to learning about Open Minds.
- Continue to work on before/after school care through Open Minds
- More Clubs and Sports! They are terrific and they are free.
- Can we formalize a way to get kids safely from school to the Rec Center to take advantage of their after school programming?

(2) Promoting a Positive Image of Our School

- Continue to get the word out that Adams is an excellent school.
- Messaging/Branding
- Showcase-
 - Dual Language Immersion
 - Project Based Learning
 - Talented Teachers
 - Arts For Learning
 - Multiculturalism
 - Brand New Campus
 - Active PTCO
 - Caring School Community

(3) Fundraising

- Partnerships with Local Business
- Grants
- Sponsorship

Community Outreach

- (1) Street Fair Booth- Spencer Guerena and Emily Rose-Weber will run. Please join us, stop by if you can. Alexis Taylor and Anita Casavantes-Bradford suggest we also distribute info, in writing re: how to “choice” into Adams. An excellent idea. Will do.
- (2) Preschool Tours- NHUM Children Center across the street will take a field trip to Adams.
- (3) Neighborhood Canvas- potential way to get word out to families with kids and other neighbors.

Fall Carnival

10/26- everything is on track

Will include-

\$10/wristband or 50 cents per game

Everyone gets a prize

DJ/Dance Party, Tacos/Catering, balloons, face painting.

Volunteer Requests List-

Donations-

Snacks, Prizes, Glow sticks, LED Lights, Decorations

Day Of-

3:00-4:45 Set Up, 4:00 Games, then 5:00- HS Volunteers will be helping with Games

During-

Food Tables, Raffle

After-

8:00 pm clean up

Family Prom

Vote- motion to approve moving date of Family Prom to February 22, 2019 approved.

Other Items

10/9 will be a meeting re: a renovation of the Rec Center Park. Mike Palmer heading up this effort.

Drop off and pick up congestion continues to be a problem, we need personnel to direct traffic.

Sylvia has been doing tours for prospective parents and they are interested, full of questions.